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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that my clients have entered into an agreement to purchase the Schedule Property from its Owners namely, **SRI.PAGIDALA BRAHMAM REDDY,** S/o Sri.Brahmam Reddy and his wife **SMT.PAGIDALA SUHASINI**, residing at Thavvaripalle, Khajipet, Thavvaripalle, Cuddapah, Andhara Pradesh-516203.

Apart from the said Owners, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title and or interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule Property by the aforesaid Owners, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within 14 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential property No.56 being the Northern portion of Site No.8, carved out of Sy.No.46/5 (Old Sy.No.46/1), measuring East to West 40 ft and North to South 34 ft, with a building thereon, situated at Kodathi Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on:

East by : Property bearing Sy.No.45
West by : 24 ft Wide Road connecting to Sarjapura Main Road
North by : Site No.7
South by : Southern portion of the Site No.8

Sd/- **S.F. GOUTAM CHAND**
Advocate
GOUTAM ASSOCIATES
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560 004.

HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES — HDB Financial Services Ltd.

Regd. Office: Radhika, 2nd Floor, Law Garden Road, Navrangpura, Ahamedabad-09.
Branch Office: No.195/38, 1st floor, HDFC Building, 10th Cross Road, Wilson Garden, Bangalore-27. web: www.hdbfs.com, Email ID: compliance@hdfs.com

[APENDIX IV] POSSESSION NOTICE
See Rule 8(1) (For Immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **M/s HDB Financial Services Ltd.**, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) & r/w Rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 and issued **Demand Notice dated 15.Dec.2023,** calling upon the Applicant/Co-Applicant/Guarantor in **Loan Account No.5550170. 1. MS Motors,** No.9, Assessment Kh No.1116/86-87/9, Jayaram Munivenkatappa Layout, Ward No.9, Anekal-562106, **2. Manjula L,** No.9, Shyam Rao Layout, Behind Mayura Bakery, Anekal-562106, Karnataka, **3. C Manjunath,** No.9, Shyam Rao Layout, Behind Mayura Bakery, Anekal-562106, Karnataka within 60 days from the date and receipt of this Notice.

The Applicant/Co-Applicant/Guarantor, having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Applicant/Co-Applicant/Guarantor and the public in general, that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act, R/w Rule 8 And 9, on this **3rd day of April, of the year 2024**

The Applicant/Co-Applicant/Guarantor, in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **M/s HDB Financial Services Ltd.,** for an amount of **Rs.35,32,145.50 (Rupees Thirty Five Lakhs Thirty Two Thousand One Hundred Forty Five and Paise Fifty Only) as of 14/12/2023** and interest and charges thereon.

The Applicant/Co-Applicant/Guarantor attention is invited to provision of Sub Section 8 of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

SCHEDULE OF THE SECURITIES-I: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site no.9, Khata No,1116/86-87/9, Jayaram munivenkatappa Layout, Word No,9, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, Measuring East to West 40 ft, and North to south 30ft. **North:** Site No.08, **South:** Site No.10, **East:** 20 feet Road, **West:** Site No.23.

Date: 03-04-2024 **For HDB Financial Services Ltd.**
Place: Bangalore **Authorized Officer**

Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.

Corporate Office : 802, Natraj By Rustomjee, Western Express Highway, Sir M.V. Road, Andheri East, Mumbai - 400069, Maharashtra.
Zonal Office :- No.3, JVT Towers, 1st and 2nd Floor, 8th A Main Road, S R Nagar, Bangalore - 560027, (KA).
Nelamangala Branch : 1st floor, Katha No. 658/A, Vinayaka Nagar,Arishinakunte,Near Honda Showroom,Nelamangala, Banglore-562123,(Karnataka).A.O : **Manjunatha K R**, Mob : **9480074594.**

Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd

PROPERTY FOR SALE UNDER PROVISIONS OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002 THROUGH PRIVATE TREATY

Whereas the Authorised Officer, Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) has taken the Possession u/s 13(4) of the **Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002 (The SARFAESI Act, 2002)** of the properties ("the Secured Asset") given below. The Authorised Officer has received offer of Sale from some interested party against the above mentioned Secured Asset under the SARFAESI Act for recovery of the Secured Debt. Now, the Authorised Officer is hereby giving the Notice to Sale of the above said property through Private Treaty in terms of rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. The Details of the Account are as follows:

Sl No.	Name of the Borrower / Co-Borrower	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Reserve Price (RP)	Total O/s Amount as on	Description of the Immovable property
1.	Loan Code _No : 22800000133 Nelamangala Branch) **Muniraju K M** (Borrower) **Eramma G** (Co Borrower)	15-04-2021 ₹ 30,60,180.00	₹ 48,00,000.00 (Rupees Forty Eight Lakhs Only)	29-02-2024 ₹ 48,11,910.00	Site No 1 Old Katha No 393,, Present Katha No314/8/1/1 Kempapura Village, Bengaluru - 560024, Karnataka. Bounded : **East By :** Site No.67 and 66 of Gopinath Pille, **West By :** Gramathana Site No.35/65/66/59, **North By :** Site No.68 belonging to Ravindra and **South By** : Road.

The Authorised Officer will hold auction for sale of the Secured Asset on **'As is where is Basis', 'As is what is basis' and 'Whatever is there is basis'.** AHFL is not responsible for any liabilities whatsoever pending upon the said property. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to accept or reject the offer without assigning any reason whatsoever and sale will be subject to confirmation by Secured Creditor. On the acceptance of offer of proposed buyer, he/she is required to deposit 25% of accepted price inclusive adjustment of Earnest Money Balance immediately and the balance amount shall be paid by the purchaser within 15 (fifteen) days from date of acceptance of Offer by the Secured Creditor. The proposed buyer is to note that in case of failure of payment of balance amount by him/her within the time specified, the amount already deposited shall stand forfeited and property will be resold accordingly. **This is 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002 is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Co-Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the above described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" and to the amount due to Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd., in full before the date of sale, auction is liable to be stopped.**

The Date of Auction is fixed for 20-04-2024
Place : Nelamangala **Authorised Officer**
Date : 05.04.2024 **Aadhar Housing Finance Limited**

Canara Bank
A Government of India Undertaking

ARM Branch - II, 2nd Floor, Circle Office, Spencer Towers, No. 86, MG Road, Bengaluru - 560001
Ph No.: 080-25310099, 080-25310181, E-mail: cb6298@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
(Under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged /charged to the **Secured Creditor,** the possession of which has been taken by the **Canara Bank, ARM Branch II Bangalore-1** will be sold **"As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is"** basis for recovery of outstanding dues from below mentioned Borrowers. The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit is mentioned below.

Name of Borrowers and Guarantors	Total Liabilities as per Sale Notice	Description of Immovable Assets	Auction Date & Time	Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit [EMD] Date & Time	1) Incremental Value at Bid 2) A/c No. & IFSC
1. Mr.V Rajendra Kumar, S/o Sri A Vijayakumar, No.335, 9th Main Road, I Phase, 2nd stage, Gokula, Bengaluru-560054. **2. Mrs.Latha V,** W/o Rajendra Kumar, No.335, 9th Main Road, I Phase, 2nd stage, Gokula, Bengaluru-560054	**Rs.67,84,788.52/-**(Rupees Sixty Seven lakhs Eighty Four thousand seven hundred eighty eight and Paisa fifty two only) including costs and interest as on 26/03/2024 together with future interest, expenses and costs etc till realization	**Schedule A Property :** All that piece and parcel of Immoveable property bearing corporation No.002/005/016 ,Old no 13, New no.16 SITUATED AT "D: Main Road,Muthyalanagar Village by the side of railway track Bangalore City of Corporation ward no.02(Yeshwanthapura) measuring about East to west 40 feet and North to South 60 feet and totally measuring about 2400 sq ft and **bounded on the East by** Property bearing no 14 & 15 , **West by** Road, **North by** Property of Sri. D Sreedhar and Raod, **South by** Property no.11 **Schedule B Property :** 430/2400 share of undivided right, title and interest in schedule "A" property equivalent to 900 sqft. **Schedule C Property (Flat put up for sale) :** A flat bearing no G-1 on the Ground Floor constructed on Schedule "A" Property in terms of Sanctioned Plan vide bearing L.P.No.343/2003-04 dated 10.08.2003 having new muncipal no 16(old no 13) ward no2,Jalahalli PID no/2-5-16 consisting of a Hall, Dining, 2bedrooms, Kitchen etc with super built up area of 900 sft inclusive of covered car parking lot along with Prorata common areas and facilities, attributable thereto.	**30/04/2024 from 10.30 A.M. to 11.00 A.M.**	**Reserve Price:** Rs.36.20 Lakhs **EMD:** Rs.3,62,000/- **25/04/2024** up to **3.00 PM.**	1) Multiples of Rs.50,000/- 2) A/c No. 209272434 IFSC : CNRB0006298 **Encumbrance (s):** Not Known to the Bank
1. M/S VEDAANTA STEELS, No.824, 3rd A Cross, Rushubhavathi Nagar, Kamakshipalya, Bengaluru – 560079. **2. MR. KRISHNA KUMAR JHANWAR,** S/O Mr.Madhusudan Jhanwar, No 19, 3rd Floor, 2nd Cross, Nehru Nagar, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru - 560020.	**Rs. 8,10,19,726.44** (Rupees Eight Crore Ten lakhs Ninteen Thousand seven hundred twenty six and forty four Paise only)as on 31.03.2024 plus further interest thereon from 01.04.2024 and other expenses due to Canara Bank from M/s VEEDANTA STEELS and its partners/Guarantors/ Directors-, Mr. Krishna Kumar Jhanwar, S/o Mr.Madhusudhan Jhanwar, No 19, 3rd Floor, 2nd Cross, Nehru Nagar, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru – 560020.	**All that Piece and parcel of** the immovable property being the portion of the residentially converted land bearing Survey No. 51/1A of Kurubarahalli Village, TavarekereHobli, Bangalore North Taluk, 562130, Measuring 1 Acre 9.5 Guntas, equivalent to 53,906 Square Feet, and **bounded as : East by :** Remaining portion of Sy No. 51/1A allotted to Mrs.SarojJhanwar and Sy No. 52/2 belongs to Mr.MadhusudhanJhanwar **West by :** Road **North by :** Private Road and Sy No. 52/2 belongs to Mr.Madhusudhan Jhanwar and portion of Sy No 52/2 alloted to Mr.AnandJhanwar **South by :** Road and portion of Sy No. 51/1A allotted to Mrs. SarojJhanwar	**30/04/2024 from 10.30 A.M. to 11.00 A.M.**	**Reserve Price:** Rs 302.60 Lakhs **EMD:** Rs.30.26 Lakhs **25/04/2024** up to **3.00 PM.**	1) Multiples of Rs.50,000/- 2) A/c No. 209272434 IFSC : CNRB0006298 **Encumbrance (s):** Not Known to the Bank
1. Mr H B Veerachar, S/o H P Bhaskarachar, No 95/349, Sy No 23, Katha No 64, Andrahalli, Bengaluru-560091. **Also At :** 63/3 2nd cross, Sri Gandhadanagar, Hegganahalli Cross, Bangalore -560091.	**Rs. 68,94,528/-** (Rupees Sixty Eight lakhs ninety four thousand five hundred and twenty eight only/-) of H B Veerachar including costs and interest as on 04.04.2024 together with future interest, expenses and costs etc till realization	Residential land and building bearing Site No 95/349 Sy No 23, Khatha NO 3172 Andrahalli Yashwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North -560091 measurin East to west 30Ft and North to South 40Ft totaling to a extent of 1200sqft, **bounded on the North by** Site no 92, **South by** road, **East by** Site No 96 and **West by** Site No 94.	**24/04/2024 from 10.30 A.M. to 11.00 A.M.**	**Reserve Price:** Rs 1,08,10,000/- **EMD:** Rs.10,81,000/- **22/04/2024** up to **3.00 PM.**	1) Multiples of Rs.50,000/- 2) A/c No. 209272434 IFSC : CNRB0006298 **Encumbrance (s):** Not Known to the Bank

OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS

a) Auction/bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website **https://www.indianbankseauction.com**. Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.
b) The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer
c) The property will be sold for the price which is more than the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process.
d) EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited by way of DD favouring **Authorised officer, Canara Bank, ARM Branch II, Bangalore** OR through online (RTGS/ NEFT/Fund Transfer) to credit the account number 209272434, Canara Bank, ARM Branch II, RTGS/NEFT IFSCCODE CNRB0006298 on or before EMD date & time.
e) Intending bidders shall hold a valid digital signature certificate and e-mail address. For details with regard to digital signature please contact the service provider M/s.Canbank Computer Services Ltd, Bangalore - e- mail: eauction@ccsl.co.in Contact Numbers:- 9480691777 & 9832952602.
f) After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or before EMD date & time, to Canara Bank, ARM Branch II Bangalore by hand.
   i) Demand Draft/Pay order towards EMD amount. If paid through RTGS/NEFT, acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No.
   ii) Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount.
   iii) Bid form to be submitted.
g) The intending bidders should register their names at service provider M/s.Canbank Computer Services Ltd, Bangalore and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E- auction from the service provider **M/s.Canbank Computer Services Ltd, Bangalore** - e- mail: eauction@ccsl.co.in Contact Numbers:- 9480691777 & 9832952602.
h) EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them. The EMD shall not carry any interest.
I) Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in **multiples of Rs.50,000/-**. The bidder who submits the highest bid (above the Reserve price) on closure of 'Online' auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor.
j) The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorised Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again.
k) For sale proceeds of **Rs.50.00 lacs (Rupees Fifty Lacs only)** and above, the successful bidder will have to deduct TDS at the applicable rate on the Sale proceeds and submit the original receipt of TDS certificate to the Bank.
l) All charges for conveyance, stamp duty/GST, registration charges, tax arrears, other charges, dues etc., as applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only.
m) Authorised Officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the e-auction without assigning any reason thereof.
n) In case there are bidders who do not have access to the internet but interested in participating the e-auction, they can approach concerned Circle office or Canara Bank ARM branch II who, as a facilitating centre, shall make necessary arrangements.
o) For further details contact **Ranjan Kumar, Chief Manager, Canara Bank, ARM Branch-2- (080-25310181)** e-mail id or the service provider M/s.Canbank Computer Services Ltd, Bangalore - e- mail:eauction@ccsl.co.in Contact Numbers:- 9480691777 & 9832952602

SPECIAL INSTRUCTION / CAUTION

Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Canara Bank nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder or vendor in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/alternatives such as back –up, power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully. The property will not be sold below the Reserve Price.

Place: Bengaluru Sd/-
Date: 03.04.2024 / 04.04.2024 **Authorised Officer, Canara Bank**

इंडियन बैंक Indian Bank
इलाहाबाद ALLAHABAD

COMMERCIAL STREET BRANCH
No.44, Dharmaraj Koil Street,
Shivaji Nagar, Bengaluru-560 001.

DEMAND NOTICE
Notice under Sec. 13 (2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002

Whereas at the request of you, (below mentioned borrowers/guarantors) **Indian Bank, Commercial Street Branch** has granted credit facilities from time to time by way of financial assistance against various assets creating security interest in favour of the Bank. The particulars of properties mortgaged by you by way of deposit of title deeds creating security interest in favour of the bank are mentioned here under. As you have failed to discharge the debt due to the Bank, the below mentioned loan accounts have been classified as Non performing Assets as per the guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India. As the demand notices sent to you by Registered Post calling upon you to discharge the debt due to Bank were returned, unserved, we are issuing this notice through paper publication.

Name of the Borrower: Borrowers: 1. Mr. Mir Iqbal Hussain S/o. Mir Mustaq Ali 2. Mrs.Bibi Taj W/o. Mir Iqbal Hussain, Both residing at No.75/5, Munigowda Garden, Bangalore North, Viveknagar, Bangalore, Karnataka-560047. **Date of NPA on 14/02/2024**
Outstanding Amount: Rs.26,90,937/- as on 14/02/2024 + further Interest and other Charges
Mortgaged Assets: All that piece and parcel of eastern portion of property bearing Municipal Site No.75/5, New No.2, Pld No.69-61-2, Munegowda Garden, Neelasandra, Bengaluru-560047.

If you fail to repay the above mentioned amount due by you with future interest and incidental expenses, costs as stated above in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, within 60 days from the date of this notice, the Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of SARFAESI Act and other applicable provisions of the said Act. This notice is without prejudice to the Bank's right to initiate such other actions or legal proceedings, as it deem necessary under any other Provisions of Law.

Date: 14/02/2024 **Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore **Indian Bank**

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby informed that my clients **Sri. S. Banashankar and Sri. S. Murthy** have proposes to purchase the schedule property from its owners **Sri. Prahladarao M.P, Smt. M.P. Kamala, Sri. Vamanamurthy .M.P, Sri. Sridhar murthy M.P, Smt. Mandakini Girish, Smt. Supriya M.P, Sri. K. Ramu and Smt. Shilpa M.S.** Any person [s] having any manner of right, title, interest, claim etc., over the Schedule property may lodge his/her/ their / its objections or claims in writing with all supporting documentary evidence with regard to such claims with the undersigned within **15 days** hereof, failing which my clients will proceed to complete the purchase transaction. Any objections/ claims received thereafter will not be entertained/ binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Old Khaneshumari no. 96, later 93/113, Presently within the limits of BBMP Chamarajpet Ward No. 140, having Property No. 53/1, P.I.D. No. 46-23-53/1 and Property no. 53/2, P.I.D No. 46-23-53/2, situated at 5th Road, Sri Raghavendra colony, Chamarajpet, Bangalore measuring East to West - 37 feet and North to South 20 feet totally 740 Sq. feet along with Ground, First and Second floor building thereon and bounded on : **East by:** Road, **West by:** Conservancy Lane, **North by:** Property of Sri. Prahlada rao, **South by:** Property no. 53.

I. DEVANANDA, Advocate
No. 11/3, Sanjeevanaik lane, Near Hotel Ganesh Prasad, Avenue road cross, Bangalore-560002. Mob: 9980225000

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of the general public that my clients

1. **SMT. SHOBHA .R** W/o. J. Ravi, Aged about 47 years, and **Smt. R. SOWMYA** D/o. J. Ravi, Aged about 27 years, have intend to purchase the Sites **21, 24, 25, 58** total measuring 5778 Sq.ft.
2. My clients **SRI. LINGARAJU** S/o. Manjunath.N Aged about 28 years and **SRI. ARUN KUMAR** S/o. U.M. Ramesh, Aged about 46 years, have intend to purchase the Sites **15, 16, 17, 111** total measuring 4155 Sq.ft.
3. My client **SRI. SRINIVAS** S/o C.K. Sathyanaraya Aged about 43 years, has intend to purchase the Sites No. **18, 40, 68** total measuring 4368 Sq.ft.
4. My clients **SRI. SURESH KUMAR KHATER S/o VIJAY SINGH KHATER,** Aged about 58 years and **SRI. UDITH KHATER S/o Suresh Jain,** Aged about 31 years, both have intend to purchase the schedule property Sites **10, 11, 12, 13, 14** total measuring 4350 Sq.ft.
5. My clients **SRI. BYRAPPA** S/o Chennaraya Shetty, Aged about 57 years and **SRI. E.R. GIRISH** S/o Ramappa Gowda, Aged about 51 years, have intend to purchase the schedule property Sites **36, 37, 38, 39,** total measuring 4800 Sq.ft.

The all sites are formed in the above lands in Sy.No. 10/2, 12/1, 29/2, 29/1, situated at Honnasandra Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, katha Assessment No.188. It is hereby informed to all persons having any claim against the schedule property or any part thereof by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, conveyance, MOU, Agreement to Sell, transfer, lease deed, tenancy, license, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, gift, exchange, possession, adverse possession, BDA accusation, any claim or from the land owner of the above said schedule property, otherwise howsoever are hereby required to submit the same in writing along with documentary proof to the undersigned within 7 days from the date of publication hereof, failing which my client shall proceed without any reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

Address For Service :
K. PALANI MUTHU, M.A., LL.B., Advocate
G-6, Amar Tower, Gandhinagar,
Bengaluru-560009, Mobile: 9900138714

AXIS BANK

Plot No. 41, Seshadri Road, Anand Rao Circle, Bangalore-560009

POSSESSION NOTICE APPENDIX-IV (RULE 8 (1))

WHEREAS: The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **AXIS BANK LTD,** Under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued, a demand notice, dated **24.02.2023** calling upon the **(1) Mr. Anil Kumar Sinha** S/o Marendra Kumar Sinha, 52, Royal Square Apartments, Lawsons Road, Cantonment, Trichy- 620001. **Also At : Mr. Anil Kumar** Sinha S/o Marendra Kumar Sinha, # No 97, Charles Campbell Road, Cox Town, Bangalore-560005 **Also At : Mr. Anil Kumar Sinha,** Neo Sports Broadcasts Pvt Ltd, 711 & 712, 7th Floor, Mittal Towers, B Wing, M G Road, Bangalore-560001 **(Borrower/Mortgager) (2) Mrs. Premalatha Sinha,** D/o Anil Kumar Sinha, 52, Royal Square Apartments, Lawsons Road, Cantonment, Trichy-620001 **(Co Applicant)** to repay the amount **Rs.29,72,664/- (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Seventy Two Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Four Only)** mentioned in the notice towards the loan account no's **PHR000901254870, PHR013700880219 and HTR056103858498.** being the amount due as on **16.02.2023** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act, read with Rule 6 & 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **03-04-2024.**

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **AXIS BANK LTD Rs.29,72,664 /- (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Seventy Two Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Four Only)** being the amount due as on **16.02.2023** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub Section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF MORTGAGED PROPERTY

SCHEDULE : All that piece and parcel of the Flat No 703, 7th Floor, F1 Block, Welworthy City Sy nos 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 Kadathanamale Village, Hesarghatta Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore measuring 1180 sq ft and bounded as follows : East by : Land in Sy 160, Doddaballapura Road, Land in sy nos 162,163, 164, 40 & 41, West by : Land in Sy No. 41, 29, 30/7 (P), 31/4(P), 31/3(P),31/2(P), 34/2(P),24/1(P), North by : Land in sy no 37,38,160, South by : Land in sy no 41 & 29.

For Further clarification please contact Mr Thrimoorthy 9036773553

Date : 03.04.2024 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **Axis Bank Ltd.**

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
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NRI BRANCH
BSNL Complex, SV Road
Near Lido Mall, Bengaluru - 560008

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8(1)] (For Immovable property)

Whereas The undersigned being the authorized Officer of the **Canara Bank, NRI Branch,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **08.01.2024** calling upon the **Borrower : 1. Sri. Tej Kumar .H .K** S/o. Krishna Shetty H, **2. Sri. Krishna Shetty .H** S/o. Late Hanuma Shetty .H, **Both are residing at :** Flat No. 407, Samtrupthi Enclave, 7th 1st D Main Road, Upadya Layout, Gnana Bharathi, Bangalore-560056 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice of **Rs. 47,11,469.99** (Rupees Forty Seven Lakh Eleven Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Nine and Paisa Ninety Nine Only) and interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this **04 day of April 2024.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Canara Bank, NRI Branch** for an amount **Rs. 47,11,469.99** (Rupees Forty Seven Lakh Eleven Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Nine and Paisa Ninety Nine Only) and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of Secured Assets : Schedule A : All the piece and parcel of residential sites bearing Nos 195,196,223 &224, BBMP Khatha Sl No 2561 presently bearing property No 2047/4/32/1/35/224/223/195/196. Situated at Padma Upadhyaya Layout, Nagadevanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore carved out of residentially converted lands in Sy No 31,32/1, & 35 of Nagadevanahalli Village, kengeri Hobli Bangalore South taluk, (duly converted into non agricultural residential purpose as per the conversion certificate vide No ALN.SR.2017/1970-71, dated 31.12.1973) Measuring east to West : 70 feet and North to South: 120 feet, Totally measuring 8400 square feet , presently falling within the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP, Bangalore and assigned Amalgamated khatha No 25 61/2047/4/31,32/1,35/224,223,195&196, **bounded on : East by :** Road, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Site No 197&Site No 222, **South by :** Site No 194 & Site No 225.

Schedule B : 234 sq ft of undivided share, right title and interest in the Schedule 'A' property hereby conveyed by the vendors to the purchaser.

Schedule C : Flat No 407, in Third Floor in the building "SAMTRUPTI ENCLAVE" constructed on the Schedule A property , having super built up area measuring 1050 sq ft having RCC roofing, vitrified tiles floor, Sal Wood doors and Aluminium windows and separate Electricity connections, Common water and Sanitation including common area rights with one covered car parking slot in slit floor and including All rights privileges Appurtenances thereto and **bounded on : East by :** Flat No. 406, **West :** Road, **North :** set back, **South :** Flat No 404 & Corridor.

Date: 04.04.2024 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore. **Canara Bank**

DEUTSCHE BANK AG

For immoveable property as per Rule 8(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002
Appendix-IV POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of **Deutsche Bank AG**, India ("Bank") having its registered office at Raheja Towers, Ground Floor, 26-27, M.G. Road, Bangalore – 560001 under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **30th November 2022** under Section 13(2) of the said Act. calling upon the **M/s Ganjam Nagappa And Son Pvt Ltd ("Borrower"), Mr. Ganjam Bimaji Umesh, (Late) Mr. Kumar Eswar Ganjam Since deceased, represented by his legal heirs Mrs. Aruna Kumar Ganjam (Legal Guardian of Ms. Deeksha Kumar and Mr. Siddhanth Kumar), Mr. Ganjam Subbaramaiah Eswar, Mr. Dushyanth Umesh Ganjam, Mrs. Reshma Umesh and M/s. Gayle Holdings Pvt Ltd ("Co-Borrowers")**, to repay the outstanding amount as mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 22,37,30,499.69 (Rupees Twenty Two Crore Thirty Seven Lakh Thirty Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Nine and Sixty Nine paise only)**, payable and due as on **15-October-2022, 15-October-2022, 05-November-2022, 05-November-2022, 31-October-2022 and 05-November-2022** and further interest at contractual rates on the aforesaid amount, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. incurred and accruing on daily basis thereafter till the date of payment and / or realization within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower mentioned herein above having failed to repay the amount in full as mentioned in 13(2) is hereby given to the Borrower / Co-borrower mentioned hereinabove in particular and to the public in general that undersigned has taken symbolic/constructive possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said act read with rule 8 of the said act on this **03rd April 2024**.

The Borrower / Co-borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of the Bank for an amount **Rs.22,37,30,499.69 (Rupees Twenty Two Crore Thirty Seven Lakh Thirty Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Nine and Sixty Nine paise only)**, as on **15-October-2022, 15-October-2022, 05-November-2022, 05-November-2022, 31-October-2022 and 05-November-2022** and interest thereon.

The Borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property/ies
SECURED ASSET'S:
Property I
Schedule "A" Property (As Per Sale Deed Dated : 18-04-2005)

All that piece and parcel of land with structures standing thereon and popularly known as "LISMOYLE" and presently bearing Municipal No.3, Cunningham Crescent Road, Ward No.78, Bangalore and **bounded on:- East by:** Cunningham Crescent Road and Measuring on that side 218 Feet or thereabouts: **West by:** Property bearing No. 4, Cunningham Crescent Road known as Kennilworth and measuring on that side 320 feet or thereabouts: **North by:** Cunningham Crescent Road and measuring on that side 296 Feet or thereabouts: and **South by:** property bearing No. 2, Cunningham Crescent Road and thereafter property known as Endellion and measuring on that side 286 Feet or thereabouts.

Schedule "B" Property

1632.50/78279th Undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in the land in Schedule "A" Property, which comes to 1632.50 Sq. Feet of land share in the land in Schedule "A" Property.

Schedule "C" Property

All that Residential Apartment bearing No. 202 in second Floor of Block "Carnation" of the project "Prestige Exotica" built in Schedule "A" Property and apartment measuring 3025 Sq. Feet of Super built up area approximately inclusive of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use with Two Covered Car Parking Spaces in the Basement Floor and the Apartment is **bounded on: East by:** Entrance Corridor, Lift and Staircase in "Carnation" Block in "Prestige Exotica": **West by:** open towards Open Area in "Prestige Exotica" and thereafter Property bearing No.4 known as Kennilworth: **North by:** Open towards Open Area in "prestige Exotica": and **South by:** Open towards Open Area in "Prestige Exotica" and thereafter Property bearing No.2 known as Endellion.

The walls are built out of Hollo Brick and Cement with RCC Roofing and Mosaic Flooring. It is provided with amenities like electricity, water and sanitary connections. The wood used is Honne/Teak and Windows of anodized aluminium panels.

Brief address of property (a)

Present property address Flat No 202, 2nd Floor, Carnation Block, Prestige Exotica, Old No 3/7, Cunningham, Crescent Road, Bangalore – 560052.

Property II
Schedule - A (As Per Sale Deed Dated : 07-11-1991)

All that piece and parcel of land with building thereon bearing Corporation No.1 and situated at Cunningham Road, Bangalore, and **bounded on: East by:** RBI Officers Quarters: measuring 235 feet, **West by:** Private Property: measuring 220 feet, **North by:** Property belonging to Mount Carmel College: measuring 241 feet, **South by:** 30 feet Service Road: measuring 259 feet, Measuring in all approximately 4682 sq. meters. The Building area is 1893.00 sq.mtrs constructed in the year 1940.

Schedule - B

3600/82824 undivided right and interest in the Property bearing No. 1 and situated in Cunningham Road, Bangalore and **bounded on** the: **East by:** RBI Officers Quarters: **West by:** Private Property: **North by:** Property belonging to Mount Carmel College: **South by:** 30 feet Service Road: 3600/82824 undivided right and interest works out to 2191 sq. feet.

Brief address of property (b)

Apartment No 104 in Block No 'A' Situated on the Ground floor of the building on Schedule-A Property measuring super-built area of 3600 sq.ft. with the floors/Ceilings between Apartments as also walls adjoining Apartments jointly belong to the adjoining Apartment Owners proportionately with the Purchaser also being entitled to car parking space No 20 & 21 in the basement. Present property address No 104, Block A, Ground Floor, Embassy Palace, No 16, Cunningham Road, Bangalore – 560004.

Property III
Schedule 'A' Property (As Per Sale Deed Dated : 03-08-2012)
(Description Of Entire Property)

All that Property being a portion of Municipal No. 400/4, situated in 15th Cross Road, Second Block, R.T. Nagar, Ward No.97, Bangalore and measuring about 54,735 Sq. Feet and **bounded by: East:** Storm Water Canal: **West:** 60 Feet Wide Road (15th Cross, II Block, R.T. Nagar): **North:** Private Property belonging to Mr. Govindraju (Patels Inn Club): and **South:** Property bearing Municipal Nos. 400/2 and 400/3, belonging to the HUF of Sri. A. Lokesh Gowda.

Schedule 'B' Property
(Undivided Interest Hereby Sold)

2500/172607th undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in Schedule 'A' property (which comes to 792.76 Sq. Feet of land share in Schedule 'A' Property).

Schedule 'C' Property
(Apartment)

All that Residential Apartment bearing No. 204 in Second Floor of Block 'B' in 'EMBASSY HAVEN' built in Schedule 'A' Property and measuring 2500 Sq. Feet of super built up area approximately inclusive of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use, with exclusive right of usage if Two Covered Car Parking Spaces in the Basement Floor and the Apartment is **bounded by: East by:** Open towards Open Space in block 'B' in 'EMBASSY HAVEN': **West by:** Entrance and Lobby thereafter Apartment No. 203 in Second Floor of Block 'B' in 'EMBASSY HAVEN': **North by:** Open towards Open Space in Block 'B' in 'EMBASSY HAVEN': and **South by:** Open towards Open Space in Block 'B' in 'EMBASSY HAVEN'.

The walls are built out of Solid Brick and Cement with RCC Roofing and Vitrified Flooring and it has electricity, water and sanitary connections. The wood used is Teak and windows are of UPVC sliding Panels.

Brief address of property (c)

Present property address Flat No 204, 2nd Floor, Block B, Embassy Haven, 15th Cross Road, 2nd Block, R.T Nagar, Bangalore – 560032.

Property IV
Schedule - A (As Per Sale Deed Dated : 23-08-1991)

All that piece and parcel of land with building thereon bearing Corporation No.1 and situated at Cunningham Road, Bangalore, and **bounded on: East by:** RBI Officers Quarters: measuring 235 feet, **West by:** Private Property: measuring 220 feet, **North by:** Property belonging to Mount Carmel College: measuring 241 feet, **South by:** 30 feet Service Road: measuring 259 feet. Measuring in all approximately 4682 sq. meters., The Building area is 1893.00 sq.mtrs constructed in the year 1940.

Schedule - B

3600/82824 undivided right and interest in the Property bearing No. 1 and situated in Cunningham Road, Bangalore and **bounded on** the: **East by:** RBI Officers Quarters: **West by:** Private Property: **North by:** Property belonging to Mount Carmel College: **South by:** 30 feet Service Road: 3600/82824 undivided right and interest works out to 2191 sq. feet.

Brief address of property (d)

Apartment No 204 in Block No 'A' Situated on the First floor of the building on Schedule-A Property measuring super-built area of 3600 sq.ft. with the floors/Ceilings between Apartments as also walls adjoining Apartments jointly belong to the adjoining Apartment Owners proportionately with the Purchaser also being entitled to car parking space No 26 & 5 in the basement. Present property address No 204, Block-A, 1st Floor, Embassy Palace 01, Cunningham Road, Bangalore – 560052.

Date: 05.04.2024 **Ajay Singh**
Place: Bengaluru **Authorized Officer Deutsche Bank AG**

Note: The amount paid after the issuance of the Demand Notice, will be deducted out of the outstanding amount in the Demand Notice.

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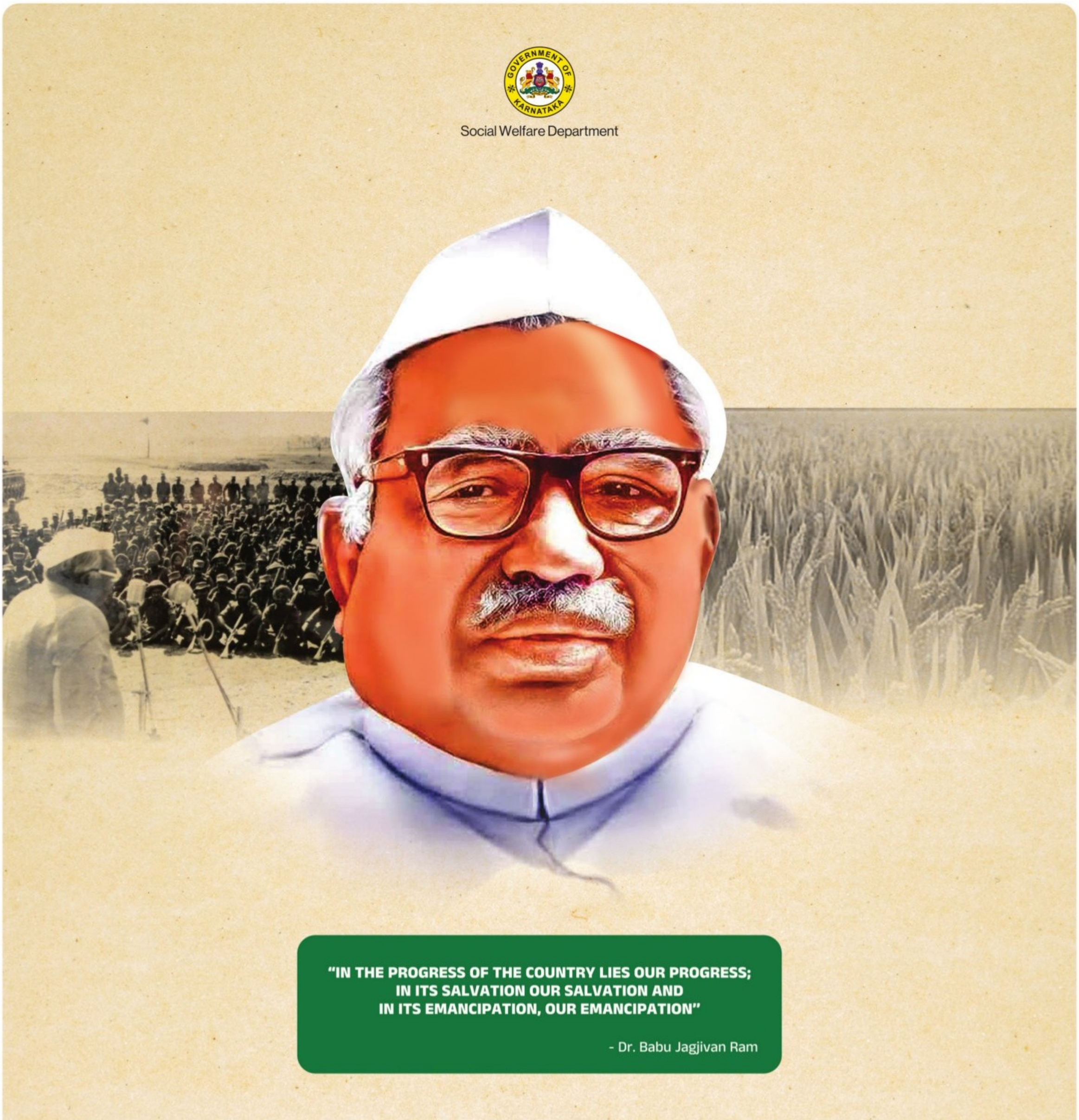
NATO marked on Thursday 75 years of collective defence across Europe and North America, with its top diplomats vowing to stay the course in Ukraine as better-armed Russian troops assert control on the battlefield. The anniversary comes as the now-32-nation alliance weighs a plan to provide more predictable longer-term military support to Ukraine. Plagued by ammunition shortages, Ukraine this week lowered the military conscription age from 27 to 25 in an effort to replenish its depleted ranks and appealed for additional air defences to counter Russian ballistic missile attacks.

Social Welfare Department



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IN ITS SALVATION OUR SALVATION AND
IN ITS EMANCIPATION, OUR EMANCIPATION"

- Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram

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Dr. BABU JAGJIVAN RAM

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that **Mr. ABRAHAM YOHANNAN** has lost the following Deed:-Registered Rectification Deed dated 28.01.2010 executed by Sri. R JayaPrakash, S/o R Ranganathan represented by GPA Holder Mr. Mohammed Nadeem and Mr. Saad Vahedna and M/s Safeway Group, A Partnership firm represented by Mohammed Nadeem and Mr. Saad Vahedna in favour of Mr. Bejoy Abraham and Mrs. Renila Rajan thomas, registered vide Doc No: BNS-1-04652-2009-10 Rectification deed Registered in Banaswadi Sub registrar office Bangalore. Further they have filed a complaint before the jurisdictional police station. If anybody finds the aforementioned documents kindly contact the undersigned **within 10 days** of this notice.

Sd/- Arun Kumar S, Advocate,
2nd Floor, Renukambal building,
Near bible college, Seegehalli,
virgonagar(P), Bangalore-5600 49.

इंडियन बैंक Indian Bank — इलाहाबाद ALLAHABAD

ZONAL OFFICE, BENGALURU
4th Floor, East Wing, Raheja Towers
MG Road, Bengaluru-560001.

APPENDIX- IV-A" [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]

Sale Notice for sale of immovable properties

E-Auction sale notice for sale of immovable assets under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indian Bank (Secured Creditor), will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to Indian Bank from the below mentioned Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s). The specific details of the properties intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:

The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder:

BRANCH NAMES AND PROPERTIES

1 Name of the Branch: Hennur Road Branch, No.161/2, Hennur Bagalur Road, Kothanur Post, Bengaluru-560077 Contact No.: 8050291613

Name of the Borrower: 1. Mrs. Geetha Kandarapu, 2. Mr. Raghupathi Kandarapu(Guarantor) Both Residing at Flat No.G-401, Aparna Canopy, Apparel Park Road, Village Gundlapochampally, Medchal Mandal, Rangareddy, Hyderabad, Telangana-500014. Present address- Flat No.06, Ground Floor, TMR Tulip Apartment, Lakshmi Ganapati Nagar, Kogilu Village, Kogilu Main Road, Bangalore-560064.

Outstanding Amount: Rs.36,50,827.00 (Rupees Thirty Six lakh Fifty Thousand eight Hundred twenty seven Only) (as on 03.04.2024) + Interest & Expenses.

Detailed description of the Property: Flat bearing No.006, West Face in the Ground Floor, Present BBMP Khatha No 270/257/95/4/4-G-6 Sy No-95/4 and the building known as "TMR TULIPS" being constructed on the schedule "A" property measuring Super Built up area of 965 Sq Ft, with Vetrified flooring, and together with proportionate share in common area such as passages lobbies, lifts, stair-cases and other areas of common use and also 370 Sq Ft of Undivided Share, right title and interest in the land area covered by the schedule "A" property, presently comes under BBMP limits. Situated at KOGILU Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore **Boundries of property:** East By-25 Feet Road, North By-Site No.18, West By-Private property, South by-Site No.20.

Encumbrances on property	NIL
Reserve Price	Rs.37,00,000/-
EMd Amount	Rs.3,70,000/-
Bid incremental amount	Rs.10,000/-
Property ID No.	IDIB 50370989270

2 Name of the Branch: BTM Layout Branch, No.947, 16th Main, BTM Layout, 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560076. Contact No.: 9449864205

Name of the Borrower: 1. Mr Lokesh B T (Borrower) S/o Late Mr Boda Bandenahalli Thimmappa, Residing at No 33/1 (II Floor, 1BHK), 24th Cross, Bangalore-560068. **2. Miss Paramita Biswas (Guarantor) D/o. Satyabrata Biswas,** FF-05, Prakruthi Elite Road, Off Dr. Vishnu Vardhan Road, Near VV Convention Hall, Channsandra Hall, Bangalore-560098. **3. Mr Lokesh B T (Borrower), S/o Late Mr Boda Bandenahalli Thimmappa,** Flat No.FF 2 (2BHK), 1st Floor, "S V Residency", Site No. 19, BBMP Khatha No.19/12, PID No.56-105-19/12, situated at 9th Main, Katriguppe,BSK 3rd stage, Bangalore-560070.

Outstanding Amount: Rs. 46,00,000 /-(Rupees Forty-Six lakhs) (as on 03.04.2024) + Interest & Expenses.

Detailed description of the Property: South by: Open to Sky At that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing site No.19, Khatha No.24/2, formed out of Sy.No.24/2 of Katriguppe Village, presently within limits of BBMP and new BBMP bearing Municipal Khatha No 19/12,PID no 56-105-19/12,situated at 9th Main road, Katriguppe Village, Uttrahalli Hobli, BSK 3rd stage, Bangalore BBMP ward No 56 Ganesh Mandir, Measuring East to West 60 feet, North to South 30 feet in all measuring 1800 Sq ft and **bounded on the:** East by: Road, West by: Property bearing No.24/1, North by: Site No.20, South by: Site No.18.

Details/Description of property/Properties: (herein after to as Schedule B property)

Apartment bearing No FF -2 2 BHK first floor in the building known as S.V. Residency with a super built u area 855 Sq Feet along with 160 Sq feet of undivided share title & interest in Over Schedule A property situated at 9th main road, Katriguppe Village, Uttrahalli Hobli, BSK 3rd stage, Bangalore BBMP ward No 56 Ganesh mandir and **bounded by:** East by: Lift/Stair case/Flat No.FF1, West by: Open to Sky, North by: Flat Entrance.

Encumbrances on property	Nil
Reserve Price	Rs.33,00,000/-
EMD Amount	Rs.3,00,000/-
Bid incremental amount	Rs.10,000/-
Property ID No.	IDIB50482772690

3 Name of the Branch: Basavanagudi DVG Road Branch, Rathna Murthy Complex, Dr, DVG Gundappa Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560004 Contact No.: 8050291603

Name of the Borrower: Mrs. Usha Mary Pinto, House No.1005, in the Ground + 1st floor "Pavan Enclave" 16th B Main Road, Hal 2nd Stage Kodihalli Village, Bangalore.

Outstanding Amount: Rs.35,78,872/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Two Only) (as on 08/05/2023) + Interest & Expenses.

Detailed description of the Property: Property bearing HASB No.684/1B-C, Old Katha No.684/1-BC East to West: 128' 7.5 ft, North to South - 75'1.5 Ft+ 79'6" in all measuring 11,857 Sq.ft situated at 16th B main Road, Hal 2nd stage Kodihalli Village, Bangalore. **Boundaries :** East by: Tank, West -Private Property and BDA Road, North- Tank, South- Private Property.

Encumbrances on property	Indian Bank, Basavanagudui DVG Road
Reserve Price	Rs.64,50,000/-
EMD Amount	Rs.6,45,000/-
Bid incremental amount	Rs.10,000/-
Property ID No.	IDIB50463204507

Date & Time of E-Auction: 24.04.2024 from 11.00 am to 4.00 pm

Bidders are advised to visit the website **(www.mstcecommerce.com)** of our e auction service provider MSTC Ltd to participate in online bid. For Technical Assistance Please call MSTC HELPDESK No. 033-22901004 and other help line numbers available in service providers help desk. For Registration status with MSTC Ltd, please contact **ibapiop@mstcecommerce.com** and for EMD status please contact **ibapifin@mstcecommerce.com.** For property details and photograph of the property and auction terms and conditions please visit: **https://ibapi.in** and for clarifications related to this portal, please contact help line number '18001025026' and '011-41106131'. Bidders are advised to use Property ID Number mentioned above while searching for the property in the website with **https://ibapi.in** and **www.mstcecommerce.com**

Date: 04.04.2024, Place: Bengaluru **Sd/- Authorised Officer, Indian Bank**

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BRIEF NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER (NIET)

On behalf of the President of India, item rate e- tender are invited for the following works:

Name of the work; NIT NO & Date : Contract for Providing PVC Flooring in Various Location at LEOS campus, Aryabhata campus and ISRAD Campus Peenya, Bengaluru-560058. NIET No: CMG/LEOS/2024-25/LMN-01 Dtd: 03.04.2024 **Estimated cost put to tender & EMD in Rs. 5.35Lakhs EMD Rs: 10,693/- Period of Completion in months :** (01) One Year Tender document can be downloaded from : **Opening Date :** 05.04.2024 **Closing Date :** 22.04.2024

Name of the work; NIT NO & Date : Supply & installation of outer enclosure (ACP cladding & structural glazing) for 13 Passenger Capsule Lift at Admin Block, LEOS, Peenya, Bengaluru-58. NIET No: CMG/LEOS/2023-24/LMN-11/R1 Dtd: 03.04.2024 **Estimated cost put to tender & EMD in Rs. 23.21Lakhs EMD Rs: 46,414/- Period of Completion in months :** (04) Four Months Tender document can be downloaded from : **Opening Date :** 05.04.2024 **Closing Date :** 22.04.2024

Name of the work; NIT NO & Date : Contract for carrying out physio – chemical and bacteriological testing of water; Cauvery water, bore well water, treated water and effluents from STP for one year at LEOS, Aryabhata, Guest House and ISRAD Campus, Peenya, Bengaluru-58. NIET No: CMG/LEOS/2023-24/LMN-14 Dtd: 03.04.2024 **Estimated cost put to tender & EMD in Rs. 2.69Lakhs EMD Rs: 5,373/- Period of Completion in months :** (01) One Year Tender document can be downloaded from : **Opening Date :** 05.04.2024 **Closing Date :** 22.04.2024

Interested tenderers may please refer detailed Notice Inviting e-Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details in website: **www.isro.gov.in** and download the tender documents from **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**

-Sd- GROUP DIRECTOR
CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE GROUP (C&MG)
URSC, BANGLAORE.

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK

(A scheduled commercial bank)

Registered Office: **The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 &12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.**

E-AUCTION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE THROUGH E-AUCTION UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT (SARFAESI ACT) 2002, READ WITH PROVISO RULE 8(6) & 9 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002.

The undersigned as authorised officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken possession** of the following property in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT. The Borrower in particular and public at large are informed that online auction (e-auction)of the mortgage property in the below mentioned account for realisation of dues of the Bank will be held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS "** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** on the date as prescribed as here under.

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Name of Original Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of 13-2 Notice	Date of Possession	Present Outstanding balance as on 03.04.2024	Date & Time of Inspection of the property	Reserve Price in INR	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in INR	Date and Time of E-Auction	Last date TIME & Place for submission of Bid
1	46009430000581	1) Mrs. Paulina Vasanthi, Also at: M/s. Idhaya College of Arts & Science, 2) Mr. Wilson, Also at: M/s. Sri Vari Bussiness Consultant	22.07.2023	25.03.2024	Rs.30,51,946.29 (Rupees Thirty Lakh Fifty One Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Six and Twenty Nine Paisa Only)	19.04.2024 Time: 9:30 AM to 05:00 PM	Rs.43,51,000/- (Rupees Forty Three Lakh Fifty One Thousand Only)	Rs.4,35,100/- (Rupees Four Lakh Thirty Five Thousand One Hundred Only)	08.05.2024 @ 02:00 PM	07.05.2024, Till 05.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., Head Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071

Details of Secured Assets: Schedule 'A' Property (Description of Entire Property): All that piece and parcel of the immovable residential property bearing site Nos.54, 55, 74 & 75, Old VP Katha No.267, 268, 289 & 290, New Katha Nos.268/54, 268/55, 287/74 & 288/75, RDPR Property ID No.150200100500600273, 150200100500600274, 150200100500600292, 150200100500600293, formed in Sy.No.26 (Converted Vide conversion Order No.ALN (AS)S.R.23/2008-09) of Chikkanamangala Village, Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, within the limits of Shanthipura Grama Panchayath and Measuring East to West: 90 Feet and North to South: 70 Feet, totally measuring 6300 Sq.ft. and **Bounded on the: East by:** Road, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Road & **South by:** Site Nos.73 & 56.

Schedule 'B' Property (Description of Undivided Share): 400 Sq.feet of undivided share, right, title and interest and ownership in Schedule 'A' Property.

Schedule 'C' Property (Description of apartment): All that piece and parcel of residential Apartment bearing No.GF-2, in the Ground Floor of RESIDENTIAL Complex now known as 'MURL PREMIA' having measuring 1146 Sq.feet of Super Built up area, consisting of Two Bed Rooms, One Hall, One Kitchen, Two Balconies, Two bath rooms together with 400 Sq.feet of undivided share, title, right and interest and co-ownership rights in the land described in the Schedule 'A' property, along with One Covered Car Parking space B-07 provided in basement floor, together with proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircase and other of common use.

The properties are being held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** & **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** and the E-Auction will be conducted **'On Line'.** The auction will be conducted through the Bank's approved service provider **M/s. 4 Closure** at the web portal **https://bankauctions.in** & **www.foreclosureindia.com.** For more information and For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction, prospective bidders may contact **M/s. 4 Closure; Contact Mr. M Srinivasulru - Contact Number: 8142000809. Email id: info@bankauctions.in/ srinivas@bankauctions.in.**

For further details on terms and conditions to take part in e-auction proceedings and any for any query relating to property please contact **Jana Small Finance Bank authorized officers Mr. Ranjan Naik (Mob No,9590858249), Mr. Umesh (Mob No,8050149617) & Mrs. Syeda (Mob No,7400445147).** To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there are no encumbrances on the properties. However the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property put on prior to submitting their bid. No conditional bid will be accepted. This is also a notice to the above named Borrowers/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors about e-auction scheduled for the mortgaged properties. The Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the property will be sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date: 05.04.2024, Place: Bangalore Rural **Sd/- Authorized Officer, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF FINANCE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, BENGALURU
Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road, BENGALURU - 560 001.

PROCLAMATION OF SALE - CUM E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

(Issued under Rule 52(2) of Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961 read with the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 (as amended from time to time)

R.C. No. : 227/2023 in O.A No. : 1162/2021

Canara Bank, Avathi Branch V/s. **Mr. Pillappa .V**

To,

Mr. Pillappa .V S/o. Venkatashamappa, R/at : Harohalli Village, Harohalli Post, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural Dist-562110.

Where in execution of certificate RC No. 227/2023 in O.A. No. 1162/2021 issued by the Presiding Officer. Debts Recovery Tribunal. Bangalore the undersigned has ordered the sale of the under mentioned properties.

You are hereby informed that the day on or after the fifteenth day from the date of service of this notice has been fixed for drawing up the proclmation of sale and setting the terms thereof. you are requested to bring to the notice of the undersigned any encumbrances, charges, claims or liabilities attaching to the said properties or any portion the

Description of the Schedule Property

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Sy. No. 108/12 (old), 108/12P (New), Measuring 1 Acre 20 Guntas, situated at Harohalli Village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli. bounded on : East by : Land of Kenchappa, West by : Land of H.B. Manjunatha, North by : Own Property, South by : Land of Rajanna.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on 02.04.2024.

Recovery Officer - I
DRT-2 : Bengaluru

यूनियन बैंक Union Bank — UNION BANK OF INDIA

CHANDAPURA KHB COLONY BRANCH
No.1156, 9th Main Surya City, Chandapura PO, Anekal Tk, Bangalore-560081
Ph : 8169172190, E-mail: ubin0572195@unionbankofindia.bank

NOTICE TO THE BORROWER INFORMING ABOUT SALE (30 DAYS NOTICE) RULE 6 (2)/8 (6) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002

Borrower: 1. Mr. C. Babu, No.34, 22nd Main, 4th Cross, Kempegowda Laggere, Bangalore. **2. Mrs. Prema,** No.34, 22nd Main, 4th Cross, Kempegowda Laggere, Bangalore.

Sale of property belonging to **Mr. C. Babu** for realization of amount due to Bank under the SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

Union Bank of India, Chandapura KHB Colony Branch, No.1156, 9th Main Surya City, Chandapura PO, Anekal Tk, Bangalore-560081 the secured creditor, caused a demand notice dated **30.01.2023** under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, calling upon you to pay the dues within the time stipulated therein. Since you failed to comply the said notice within the period stipulated, the Authorised Officer, has taken possession of the immovable secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 6/8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on **10.08.2023.**

Even after taking possession of the secured asset, you have not paid the amount due to bank. As such, it has become necessary to sell the below mentioned property by holding public e-auction after 30 days from the date of receipt of this notice through online mode. The date and time of e-auction along with the Reserve Price of the property and the details of the service provider, in which the e-auction to be conducted, shall be informed to you separately.

Therefore, if you pay the amount due to the bank along with subsequent interest, costs, charges and expenses incurred by bank before the date of publication of sale notice, no further action shall be taken for sale of the property and you can redeem your property as stipulated in sec. 13 (8) of the SARFAESI Act 2002.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Western portion of Site No.218, Assessment No.43, situated at Kempegowda Layout, Laggere Village, Yashwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, now comes under BBMP Limits, Ward No.69, Bangalore measuring East to West : 15 feet and North to South : 40 feet in all measuring 600 square feet and bounde by : East : Eastern portion of same property No.218, West : Site No.217, North : Road, South : Site by 211.

Date : 12.12.2023 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Chandapura **Union Bank of India**

ORIX LEASING & FINANCIAL SERVICES INDIA LIMITED

(formerly known as OAIS Auto Financial Services Limited)
(A Subsidiary of ORIX Auto Infrastructure Services Limited)
Regd. Office : Plot No. 94, Marol Co-operative Industrial Estate, Andheri-Kurla Road, Andheri (E), Mumbai - 400 059
Tel.: + 91 22 2859 5093 / 6707 0100 | Fax: +91 22 2852 8549
Email: info@orixindia.com | www.orixindia.com | CIN: U74900MH2006PLC163937

POSSESSION NOTICE
[RULE 8(1) SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002]

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of **ORIX Leasing & Financial Services India Limited,** under the Securitization And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred by section 13(12) of the said act read with rule 9 of THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002 issued a notice dated **18.01.2024** calling upon **C Praveen Reddy, Panati Vijay Vani & M/S C P Hydro Projects India Pvt Ltd.** as borrower/ co-borrowers/ mortgagers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **INR 60,34,202.72/- (Rupees Sixty Lac Thirty Four Thousand Two Hundred Two and Seventy Two Paise Only)** within 60 days of the receipt of the said notice together with further interest and other charges from the date of demand notice till the date of payment/realization.

1.The borrowers and co-borrowers despite being served with the said notice and having failed to repay the entire notice amount together with further interest and other charges, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described here in under in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said act read with rule 9 of the said rules on **2nd Day of April 2024.**

2.The borrowers and co-borrowers in particular and public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing in the property would be subject to the charge of notice of **INR 60,34,202.72/- (Rupees Sixty Lac Thirty Four Thousand Two Hundred Two and Seventy Two Paise Only)** together with further interest and other charges from the date of demand notice till the date of payment/ realization.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

All That Piece And Parcel Of Land And House Property Bearing Hasb Khatha No. 119/ab/65, Situated At Kodihalli Dhakale, Nanja Reddy Colony, Murugeshapalya, Old Hasb Area, Now Within Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Limits, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Earlier Bangalore South Taluk, Now Bearing Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike No. 6/A, PID No. 73-41-6/A, Nanja Reddy Colony, 8th Cross, Bangalore- 560017, Measuring East To West : 15 Feet 2 Inches And North To South: 38 Feet 6 Inches, Along With 12 Square Of RCC Roofed Residential Building Constructed Three Floors, Which Excludes Eastern Side Wall And Inclusive Of Western Side Wall, And Bounded On The: **East: Property Belongs To Sri. Venkataswamy Achari, West : Government Primary School, North : Road, South : Property Belongs To Sri. Munireddy**

Date : 02.04.2024
Place : BANGALORE **Yours Faithfully,**
Loan Account No : LN0000000003444 **Authorised Officer**
ORIX Leasing & Financial Services India Limited

BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - I, AT BANGALORE

ORIGINAL APPLICATION NO.728/2022

CITY UNION BANK, BANASWADI BRANCH, Applicant

Versus

Om Shakthi Tours And Travels And Others Defendants

Summons/notice To Defendants Under Rule 23(VIII) Of Recovery Of Debts and Bankruptcy Act 1993, By Way Of Paper Publication.

To,

Defendants

1. Om Shakthi Tours And Travels
Rep By Its Proprietor Sri C.P Magesh Shankar, 3rd Main Road, Maruthi Complex, Hoysala Nagar, Opp Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore-560016.

2. Sri C.P Magesh Shankar S/o C.N. Paramasivan
R/at: 2nd Floor, Maruthi Complex, Hoysala Nagar, Opp Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore-560016.

3. Smt. Nethra Magesh W/o C.p Magesh Shankar
R/at: 2nd Floor, Maruthi Complex, Hoysala Nagar, Opp Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore-560016.

WHEREAS, the applicant has instituted an application under Section 19 of Recovery of Debts And Bankruptcy Act 1993, against you for the recovery of a sum of **Rs. 67,42,835/- (Sixty Seven Lakhs Forty Two Thousand Eight Hundred And Thirty Five Rupees Only)** mentioned therein together with current and future interest and other reliefs. The above defendant is therefore, hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate or through authorized agents in Support of their defense within 30 days from the date of publication or on **04.06.2024 at 10.30 am** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the **13th Day of February 2024.**

Sd/-
Registrar Debts Recovery Tribunal-I, Bangalore

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1, AT BANGALURU

BSLN Telephone Office Building, 4th Floor, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru-560 001

O.A. No. 1132/2022 (FORM No.3)

BETWEEN:
M/s. Bank of Baroda **...Applicant**
And
SRI. SUBRAMANYA MYSORE and another **...Defendants**

SUMMONS/NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23 (viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To,
Defendant No. 1 and 2

1. Sri. SUBRAMANYA MYSORE S/o Sri Shankar Rao, Aged about 54 years, R/at No.183, 1st Floor, 6th Cross, 1st Block, , Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010.

2. SRI. SANJAY KRISHNAMURTHY S/o Late B.R. Krishnamurthy, Aged about 52 years, R/at No.568, 5th Floor, M. V. Apartments, Yelahanka, Bengaluru-560064. **...Defendants**

Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 against the you for recovery of a sum of **Rs.50,45,809/- (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Forty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Nine only)** together with current and future interest and for other relief.

You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of the summons on or before **29.08.2024 at 10.30 AM** in the forenoon in person or by Pleader/ Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in default of appearance, on the day mentioned herein above, the proceedings will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this **19th day of March, 2024.**

By order of the Tribunal
The Registrar,
Debts Recovery Tribunal-1
Bengaluru

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA — DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - KARNATAKA

Krishi Bhavan, Hudson Circle, Nrupatunga Road, Bangalore - 560 001

RC NO: 9193 **FORM NO.14 (See Regulation 33(2))**

Corporation Bank
No.26, K.H.Road, P.B. No 2738, Shanthinagar, Bangalore.560027 **...Certificate Holder**
Versus
Sri Mohit Kumaraswamy & Others

DEMAND NOTICE

1) **Sri.Mohit Kumaraswamy** S/o Sri M.C.Kumaraswamy R/at No.201, Dheeraj Manor 24, Kensington Road Bangalore-560008.

2) **Sri.M.C.Kumaraswamy** S/o Sri M.P.Chandraiah R/at No 201, Dheeraj Manor 24, Kensington Road, Bangalore-560008.

3) **Smt Tirtha Kumaraswamy** W/o Sri M.C.Kumaraswamy R/at No 201, Dheeraj Manor 24, Kensington Road, Bangalore-560008.

4) **M/s Maya Hotels Pvt Ltd.,** No 52/1, Church Street Bangalore 560 001 Belgaum Dist. **...Defendants**

In View of the Recovery Certificate issued in **OA No. 602/2012** passed by the Presiding Officer, DRT, Bengaluru an amount of **Rs.20,92,363/- (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Ninety two Thousand Three Hundred Sixty three only)** is due against you.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay: **a)** Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings. **b)** All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect, of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal **1st day of April, 2016.**

Sd/-
(C.RAMACHANDRA RAO)
Recovery Officer-1, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, Bengaluru

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act 1993 which is reproduced below:

"Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.

(2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any Interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment."

PUBLIC NOTICE

THAT our client is intending to purchase the schedule property from **DEVATHA SREERAMIAH CHETTY CHARITIES,** a regd. Trust, Rep. by its Trustees, for valuable consideration and any person/s, asserting any right, title or interest and financial institutions asserting any claims, lien or charge over the schedule property or part thereof in any manner or against the aforesaid trust shall file objections to the undersigned within **SEVEN days** from today with all the documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights and after which period our client shall proceed to complete the sale transaction and any claim or objections received thereafter will not be entertained and or binding over the schedule property and our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF property bearing Nos.21 and 22, (formerly portion of No.63, then 63A and 63 and then 74 and 75) situated at Jain Temple Street, Visweshwarapuram, Bengluru-560 004, PID Nos.50-35-21 and 50-35-22 measuring 10000 sq. ft. approximately with old building thereon and bounded on: **East by :** Jain Temple Road, **West by :** Jain Temple Cross Road and property of Sree Adinath Jain Swetambar Mandir trust, **North by :** conservancy Lane and property of Late Dr. C. Lakshmaiah, and **South by :** property of Sree Adinath Jain Swetambar Mandir trust.

Place:Bengaluru
Dt: 05.04.2024

S. J. SANGHVI,
Advocate, #518, Avenue Road,
Bangalore-560 002. 98440 97226

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE

O.S. No. 7190/2023

BETWEEN : RAGHAV KRIPALU IYENGAR, Aged about 59 years, Son of Mr. K.S. Iyengar Presently residing at: 1309 Diamond Valley Drive, Cary, North Carolina - 27513 United States of America.

Represented by Special Power of Attorney Holder Ms. Roopa Prasad Doraswamy wife of Mr. Naganand Doraswamy, residing at A-102, Brigade Petunia, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bengaluru - 560070. **...PLAINTIFF**

AND: MR. RAMESH CHENNAPPA, Son of Late H.C. Chennappa, Residing at: Flat No. 002, Ground Floor, "Narayan's Leo", No. 40, 18th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru - 560003. **...DEFENDANT**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT THROUGH SUBSTITUTE SERVICE

MR. RAMESH CHENNAPPA, Son of Late H.C. Chennappa, Residing at: Flat No. 002, Ground Floor, "Narayan's Leo", No. 40, 18th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru - 560003.

WHEREAS Plaintiff has instituted the above case against you under Order VII Rule 1 read with section 26 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, for eviction from the schedule property and recovery of arrears of rent to the extent of Rs. 44,93,218 (Forty-Four Lakhs Ninety-Three Thousand Two Hundred and Eighteen Only) along with interest of 24%. You are hereby summoned to cause an appearance on 24.04.2024, in default whereof the Plaintiff will be entitled to obtain a decree for the above-mentioned reliefs. Failing which the suit adjudicated ex-parte.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court in person or by pleader duly instructed and able to answer material question relating to suit or you shall be accompanied by person to answer all such questions **on 24.04.2024 at 11:00 AM** in the said case at Bangalore.

Take notice in default of your appearance on the date before mentioned the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property i.e. 3-bedroom residential flat measuring 2210 square feet along with 1 designated car garage, situated at Flat No. 002, Municipal No. 40/1, Ground Floor, Narayan's Leo, No. 40, 18th Cross Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003 and bounded on :-

East By : Private Property No. 41, **West By :** 7th Main Road, **South By :** Conservancy Lane, **South By :** 18th Cross Road.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, this 27.03.2024.

By Order of the Court, Senior Sherithedar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

Advocate for Plaintiff :
Krishnamurthy & Co.
4th Floor, Prestige Takt No. 23,
Kasturba Road Cross, Bangalore-560 001.

IN THE COURT OF IX ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE

Ex No. 292/2024 In O.S. No. 9669/2015

DECREE HOLDERS: 1. M/s MAKAM NARANAPPA SONS, A Registered Partnership Having its Office at No.133/3, A.S.K. Market, Lakkur Complex, Avenue Road, Bangalore 560 002. Represented by its partner Sri. M.N.RADHAKRISHNA, aged about 76 years, S/o late.Makam Naranappa. **2.M/s. FLY AIR TRAVELS,** No.19/1, 3rd Cross, Shankarapuram, Bangalore-560 004. Represented by its Prop. Sri.M.V.NAGARAJU, aged about 61 years, S/o late. M.N. Venkatachalapathy Shetty.

JUDGMENT DEBTORS: Sri. VARADARAJ RAMAIAH @ VARDI RAMAIAH, Since Dead, represented by his LR's Smt. KAVITHA KIRAN .D & ANOTHER

NOTICE TO JUDGMENT DEBTORS

To, **JUDGMENT DEBTORS: Sri. VARADARAJ RAMAIAH @ VARDI RAMAIAH,** aged about 49 years, S/o late.M.Ramaiah, Residing at No.22/2, 18th Cross, 33rd Main Road, J.P. Nagar, 6th Phase, Bangalore-560078. Since Dead, represented by his LR's **a. Smt. KAVITHA KIRAN .D,** aged about 44 years, W/o late. Varadaraj Ramaiah @ Vardi Ramaiah. **b. Sri. ARYAMAN .V,** aged about 5 years, S/o late. Varadaraj Ramaiah @ Vardi Ramaiah, Since Minor, Represented by his mother/Natural Guardian Smt. KAVITHA KIRAN .D, aged about 44 years, W/o late. Varadaraj Ramaiah @ Vardi Ramaiah, Both are residing at No.22/2,18th Cross, 33rd Main Road, J.P. Nagar, 6th Phase, Bangalore-560 078. Also at No.659, 11th Main Road, Jayanagar 4th Block, Bangalore-560 011.

WHEREAS the Decree Holders above named have filed the above Petition to obtain Registered Sale Deed from this Hon'ble Court for the Petition Schedule Premises.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this Court on **25-04-2024** at **11:00 A.M** in person or through Advocate/Pleader to answer the Questions to the same, failing which the Petition will be heard and determined as Ex-Parte.

'A' SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing present Municipal No. 10, PID No.90-36-10, Old No. 1, situated at John Armstrong Road, Richards Town, Ward No.90, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 45 feet 1 inch, North to South: 119 feet 10 inches Bounded on the: **East by:** Property belongs to Raghavappa/Venkataram, **West by:** Property of T. Gnanamba, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Conservancy Lane.

'B' SCHEDULE

1238 square feet undivided share in the land of 'A' schedule property.

'C' SCHEDULE

ITEM No.1: Residential flat privately bearing No.003 in the ground floor of 'PETALS APARTMENTS' bearing present Municipal No.10/3, PID No.90-36-10/3 situated at John Armstrong Road, Richards Town, Ward No.90, Bangalore, measuring super built up area of 1300 square feet and one car parking, together with common right in the common areas, common passages, staircase, lift, borewell, generator, servant quarters etc.,

ITEM No.2: Residential flat privately bearing No.103 in the first floor of PETALS APARTMENTS' bearing present Municipal No.10/6, PID No.90-36-10/6 situated at John Armstrong Road, Richards Town, Ward No.90, Bangalore, measuring super built up area of 1300 square feet and one car parking, together with common right in the common areas, common passages, staircase, lift, borewell, generator, servant quarters etc.,

Given under my hand and the seal of the court on this 03-04-2024

By order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru

Advocate for Decree Holders
MAKAM NAGARAJA GUPTA
MAKAM LAW ASSOCIATES
Advocates
No.429-430, Second Floor, Alankar Pearl Plaza, K.G. Road, Bangalore-560 009.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Sri. Venkataramanappa,** S/o Late. Muluvagalappa along with Sri. K. Raghavendra S/o Late. Krishnappa had executed a General Power of Attorney on 05-06-2019 appointing 1) MR. V. Venkatesh 2) MR. Shivashankar. N.T 3) MR. Madhukumar. M 4) MR. Ramesh. K 5) MR. Vasudeva. N 6) MR. Santhoshkumar. V 7) MR. Ramesh. M as their attorney, to manage the Schedule Property is they was unable to manage the same during that period. My client Sri. Venkataramanappa S/o Late. Muluvagalappa now intends to revoke/cancel the General Power of Attorney dated 05-06-2019, with immediate effect to the extent of powers given by him as he is in a position to look after and manage the Schedule Property on his own.

The general public is hereby cautioned and informed not to enter into any transaction with the said 1) MR. V. Venkatesh 2) MR. Shivashankar. N. T 3) MR. Madhukumar. M 4) MR. Ramesh. K 5) MR. Vasudeva. N 6) MR. Santhoshkumar. V 7) MR. Ramesh, in respect of the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel the land bearing Sy.No.143 measuring 21 Guntas, Sy.No.138 measuring 26 Guntas, Sy.No.71 measuring 1 Acre 7 Gunta, Sy.No.29 measuring 5 Acres 20 Guntas, Sy.No.17 measuring 5.8 Guntas, Sy.No.11 measuring 8 Guntas, Sy.No.69 measuring 1 Acre 19 Guntas, Sy.No.108 measuring 2 Acres 14 Guntas, Sy.No.7 measuring 2 Acres 37 Guntas, Sy.No.122 measuring 1 Acre 9 Guntas, all situated at Nagawara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore.

Sd/-
K.R. BHARADWAJ & ASSOCIATES
Advocates
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PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client Asifulla, S/o A.S. Shafiulla, R/at No. 27, 2nd floor, BHEL Officers Layout, 3rd Main, Near Mecca Masjid, Jayanagara 3rd Block, Bengaluru, entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with A.V.Satish, S/o Late A.G. Venkatesan, R/at No.808/1, 19th Cross, BSK II Stage, Bengaluru - 560 070 to purchase the Schedule Property hereunder with certain terms and conditions and thereby anybody having any manner of right, title, interest, possession, claim, demand whatsoever in and over any portion of the Schedule Property may kindly file such claims in writing along with the concerned documents to the undermentioned Advocate at his Office in the working days between 10.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M. within **15 days** from the date of its publication, otherwise my client will definitely proceed to get executed the Registered Sale Deed from the said A.V.Satish with respect to the Schedule Property in his favour or in favour of his nominee/s hoping that the Schedule Property is the self acquired, full and absolute property in exclusive possession and enjoyment of the said A.V.Satish and he alone having legal, valid, marketable right, title, interest, possession, capable and competent to dispose of the Schedule Property and anybody makes any claim in future will be null and void, invalid, not binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the Vacant Site bearing Site No.3/A, Municipal No.3/A, BBMP PID No.64-134-3/A, measuring East-West 17.37 + 16.46 / 2 Mtrs and North – South 12.19 Mtrs, situated at East End Road, 9th Block, Jayanagar, Block No.4 `T' Jayanagar Extension, Bengaluru bounded on East by – Private Land, West by – Road, North by – Site No.2/A and South by – Site No.4/A.

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IN THE COURT OF II ADDITIONAL SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE & JMFC AT ANEKAL

O.S. No. 402/2022

BETWEEN: Sakamma ...PLAINTIFF
AND : LAKSHMAMMA & OTHERS ...DEFENDANTS

To, DEFENDANT No.1 TO 15 & 18

1. Lakshmamma, D/o Muniyamma & Thimmarappa, Aged about 60 years
2. Krishnamma, D/o Muniyamma & Thimmarappa, Aged about 58 years
3. Rathnamma, D/o Muniyamma & Thimmarappa, Aged about 56 years
4. Narayanamma, D/o Muniyamma & Thimmarappa, Aged about 53 years
5. Narayanappa, S/o Muniyamma & Thimmarappa, Aged about 50 years
6. Donne Venkatappa, S/o Late Shambhamma & Muniyappa, Aged about 55 years
7. Maramma, D/o Late Shambhamma & Muniyappa, Aged about 50 years
8. Narayanappa, S/o Late Shambhamma & Muniyappa, Aged about 48 years
9. Venkatesh, S/o Late Shambhamma & Muniyappa, Aged about 41 years
10. Papamma, D/o Munivenkatamma & Marappa, Aged about 56 years
11. Shanthamma, D/o Munivenkatamma & Marappa, Aged about 52 years
12. Vasthsala, D/o Munivenkatamma & Marappa, Aged about 50 years
13. Soubhaghya, D/o Munivenkatamma & Marappa, Aged about 48 years
14. Mohana, D/o Munivenkatamma & Marappa, Aged about 45 years
15. Narayanappa, S/o Late Venkatappa, Aged about 62 years

All are residing at Sompura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District-562 125.

18. Vanakamaddi Gowthami, W/o V. Jeevan Sagar, Aged about 34 years, Residing at No. 5011/2, Ullipatteda, M.R. Palli, Tirupathi (Urban), Chittor, Andra Pradesh - 517 502.

SUMMONS ISSUED TO THE DEFENDANTS No.1 TO 15 & 18 UNDER ORDER 5, RULE 20 (1A) OF THE CPC

Whereas, the Plaintiff instituted a suit against you for relief of partition and division, direction and consequential relief of permanent injunction against the Defendants in respect of the suit schedule properties, you are hereby summoned to appear in this court in person **on the 25th day of April 2024, at 11.00 A.M.** to answer the claim and you are directed to produce on that day all the documents upon which you intend to rely in support of your defence.

Take notice that, in default of your appearance of the day before mentioned, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

SCHEDULE

Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy.No.23 measuring 29 ½ guntas, situated at Sompura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District and bounded on: East by : Road, West by : Private Property, North by : Remaining land in same survey number, South by : Land bearing Sy.No.23 held by Krishnappa, Basappa & Muniyappa

Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy.No.85 measuring 4 ½ guntas, situated at Sompura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District and bounded on: East by : Sy.No.84, West by : Sy.No.87, North by : Land held by Ramakrishna Reddy, South by : Road.

Item No.3: All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy.No.103 measuring 01acre 15 guntas, situated at Sompura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District and bounded on: East by : Land held by Jayarama Reddy, West by : Sy.No.92/1 - Lakshmamma, North by : Remaining land in Sy.No.103, South by : Remaining land in Sy.No.103

Item No.4: All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy.No.117 measuring 9 ¾ guntas, situated at Sompura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District and bounded on: East by : Land held by Muniyappa, Basappa & Krishnappa, West by : Remaining land in Sy.No.117, North by : Sy.No.116, South by : Private Property/Road

Item No.5: All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy.No.135 measuring 01 gunta, situated at Sompura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District and bounded on: East by : Private Property - Thimma Reddy, West by : Sakari Kunte, North by : Pathway / Road, South by : Land held by Muniramaiah.

Given under my hand and seal of the court, on this, the 13th day of February 2024 at Anekal, Bangalore Rural District.

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Senior Civil Judge & JMFC Court, ANEKAL

Advocate for Plaintiff :
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WTA FINALS FINDS A NEW HOME: SAUDIS TO HOST NEXT 3 EDITIONS

After months of speculation, governing body announces that the high profile season-ender will happen in the oil-rich country from 2024 to 2026

COUNTRY'S LATEST SPORTS ACQUISITION

- The Gulf state has been picking up big sporting projects in a bid to diversify their portfolio away from oil. After investing in football, motorsports and golf, this is another mega acquisition with a record $15.25m prize-money. It's also been speculated that the country could yet host a season-opening Masters 1000 event in the tennis calendar
- Recently, Rafa Nadal was named as an ambassador for the Saudi Tennis Federation

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY

Critics have continued to call out the country's lack of women's rights. Even as allegations of sportswashing continues to haunt the Asian country, in January, Chris Evert and Martina Navaratilova, two of the greatest to have played the sport, wrote: "We did not help build women's tennis for it to be exploited by Saudi Arabia. The WTA's values sit in stark contrast to those of the proposed host."

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15-month-old boy rescued from borewell after 21-hour op

FIROZ ROZINDAR @ Vijayapura

THE 15-month-old baby boy, who fell into an open borewell at Lachyan village in Indi taluk on Wednesday evening, was rescued after a 21-hour operation on Thursday.

It is considered as one of the rarest operations conducted to save the boy who slipped into the borewell with his head down. The crowd that had gathered at the spot burst into a loud, rapturous applause when the boy, who was stuck at a depth of 21 ft, was rescued around 1 pm.

Satwik Mujagond, son of farmer Satish, 28, of Lachyan village fell into the borewell at their farm around 6.15 pm on Wednesday. DC T Bhoobalan, who was at the spot till the rescue operation ended, told TNIE that the boy is doing fine now. He hasn't suffered any injury. However, the boy has been sent to the district government hospital for a thorough health check-up. Dr Mallanagouda Patil and Dr Mujahid Bagwan said timely supply of oxygen, the position of the boy in the borewell, no internal or head injuries, and the swift rescue operation saved him.

Local officials swung into action soon after they received information around 6.30pm. The rescue operation began at 7pm with personnel from the local Fire and Emergency Services Department lowering a hook into the borewell to lock the feet of the boy to prevent him from slipping further. Around 7.30pm, earthmovers started digging a parallel pit. SDRF personnel from Kalaburagi and Belagavi and a team from Hyderabad-based NDRF joined the operation later.

Health officials, who arrived soon after the incident, ensured proper oxygen supply to the boy. They also monitored the movements of the boy using a camera that was lowered into the borewell. "We heard the baby crying at regular intervals. We could see his head and feet moving," the health officials said.

The earthmovers that were digging the pit ran into a basalt rock. "It is one of the hardest rocks. Breaking the rock made our task tough... Breaking it faster without causing any injury to the boy was a challenge," Damodar Singh, Deputy Commandant of NDRF-Hyderabad, said. P9

NDRF, SDRF, and Fire personnel rescue Satwik Mujagond from the borewell in which he was trapped for 21 hours, at Lachyan village in Vijayapura district, on Thursday

SHAME IF EVEN ONE VICTIM'S AFFIDAVIT IS TRUE, SAYS CAL HC

Chief Justice's stinker over sexual violence charges in Sandeshkhali

SULAGNA SENGUPTA @Kolkata

WEST Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's government received a sharp reprimand from the Calcutta High Court on Thursday as it heard affidavits seeking investigation into the allegations of sexual assault, extortion and land grab that surfaced from Sandeshkhali ahead of the Lok Sabha elections.

Petitioner-lawyer Priyanka Tibrewal submitted a bunch of around 100 affidavits of alleged victims of sexual assault, besides those of land grabbing and violence.

Chief Justice T S Sivagnanam

"Even if one affidavit is correct, it is shameful. Even if 1% is true it is absolutely shameful. West Bengal says it is safest for women? Even if one affidavit is proven to be right all of this falls," a bench led by Chief Justice T S Sivagnanam remarked. "Entire district administration and ruling party have 100% morally responsibility," the Chief Justice said.

"As per the NCRB (National Crime Records Bureau) report, West Bengal stands number one for safety of women; and if one affidavit filed by Tibrewal is proved to be right, the statistics falls, the public image falls, the opinion falls. If it falls and crumbles, you cannot resurrect it," he said.

Tibrewal sought a court-appointed panel to look into the complaints and payment of compensation to the victims.

The bench held the ruling Trinamool Congress responsible for shielding Sheikh Shahjahan, a local leader who is the primary accused. It also rapped the lawyer representing Shahjahan, who was arrested on February 29 after going underground for about two months. The delayed arrest triggered criticism of the Bengal government and prompted the high court to issue a pointed order to the state.

The order mentioned that Shahjahan was on the run for 55 days, saying he was playing hide-and-seek. "Then you took an obscure stance. (Just because) you close your eyes the world doesn't become dark," the Chief Justice added.

Shahjahan's lawyer responded: "I was told to be absconding (while) bail plea was pending." The court eventually reserved its verdict on the matter.

Earlier, the court had directed the investigation into the attack on ED officials allegedly at the behest of Shahjahan, to be transferred to the CBI, as well as the custody of Shahjahan.

Vadra wants Amethi. Is Cong listening?

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

AMID suspense over former Congress president Rahul Gandhi contesting from Amethi, **Robert Vadra**, husband of Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, expressed his desire to contest the Lok Sabha elections from that seat. "The people of Amethi expect me to represent them... if I decide to become an MP," Vadra told a media house during an interview.

Taking potshots at Amethi's sitting MP and Union minister Smriti Irani, Vadra said that she has failed to ensure the development of the constituency. "When the people of Amethi feel they have made a mistake, when they feel they want the Gandhi family to come back or if they want me... then they will give a big win to the Congress," he said.

In the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, Irani defeated Rahul at Amethi. However, Rahul won with a thumping majority of over four lakh votes in Kerala's Wayanad. It is not the first time that Vadra has expressed his electoral ambitions. In April 2022, he had said likewise but added that he wanted Priyanka to become an MP first before he follows suit. "I want Priyanka Gandhi to become an MP first and then I feel I can also come...I interact with people and there are MPs from different parties. They (MPs) ask me to come along with their party and ask me the reasons for the delay. They also assure me of their support...so different parties across the country are asking me to come along...I have friendships with a lot of people above the party lines," he said.

"They want a member of the Gandhi family to return, they will ensure the person's victory with a huge margin. They also expect that if I take my first step in politics, and think of becoming an MP, then I should represent Amethi," he said.

Vadra also stressed that the final decision on Amethi and Rae Bareli will be taken by the Congress leadership.

HC rejects plea to sack Kejriwal as Delhi CM

SUCHITRA MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Delhi High Court on Thursday refused to entertain a PIL seeking the removal of AAP leader Arvind Kejriwal, who was arrested by the ED in a money laundering case linked to the excise policy scam, as Delhi chief minister.

The PIL was filed by Vishnu Gupta, president of Hindu Sena. "At times, personal interest has to be subordinate to national interest but that is his (Kejriwal's) personal call. If he does not want to do, that it is up to him. We are a court of law and have to go by the law. Your remedy does not lie here, it lies elsewhere. You go before the competent forum," a division bench of the high court comprising Acting Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Manmeet Pritam Singh Arora told Gupta.

The petitioner argued that Kejriwal is guilty of constitutional breach of trust and has no right to continue as the chief minister.

The court, however, made it clear that it cannot decide the matter and it is up to Delhi Lieutenant Governor (L-G) Vinai Kumar Saxena or President Droupadi Murmu to take the call.

CWMA junks TN's demand for 3.6 tmcft of Cauvery water

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

THE Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) on Thursday rejected Tamil Nadu's demand to direct Karnataka to release 3.6tmcft deficit Cauvery water to the lower riparian state.

The authority endorsed the direction of the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) not to release water to Tamil Nadu as there is a severe water crisis in Karnataka.

At the 29th meeting, members of CWMA and officials of the Ministry of Jalshakti heard the submissions of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu against the order of the 94th meeting of CWRC, on March 21.

In its direction, the CWRC rejected the demand of Tamil Nadu to release more water from Karnataka as the irrigation season in the lower riparian state has ended. The reservoirs in TN have enough water to meet its drinking water needs, whereas Karnataka is facing a severe water crisis in its cities, it stated.

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LOK SABHA ELECTION 2024

DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER, BENGALURU DISTRICT & CHIEF COMMISSIONER, BBMP

N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560 002.

GENERAL ELECTION TO LOK SABHA - 2024

Subject: Strict action will be taken against non-attendence of officers / personnel assigned for election duties-reg.

Polling Personnel Deployment:

Date of 1st level Election Training	7th April 2024 at 9.30 AM
Date of 2nd level Election Training	Will be intimated later
Date of Mustering	25th April 2024 at 9.30 AM
Date of Poll	26th April 2024

CAUTION

Failure to report for election training, mustering and election poll duty shall attract cognizable penal action u/s 134 of RP Act 1951 and immediate FIR will be booked against the defaulting official and arrest warrant will be issued to produce official before District Election Officer. Also, disciplinary action will be initiated against such personnel under relevant provisions of service rules.

A Nodal Officer has been appointed from each sponsoring office for the purpose of polling personnel deployment. He shall serve the election duty orders on their staff and ensure their attendance at the training, mustering and poll duty. Any negligence in performing the above said duties shall attract cognizable penal action u/s 134 of RP Act 1951 and disciplinary action under relevant service rules.

Polling personnel can download election duty orders from BBMP website
https://webapps.bbmpgov.in/election2024

PRO's and APRO's are requested to download PRO HANDBOOK from
https://eci.gov.in

District Election Officer, Bengaluru District &
Chief Commissioner, BBMP, Bengaluru

Vedanta starts its mining ops in Goa

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

AFTER a six-year gap, mining operations have resumed in Goa with Anil Agarwal-led Vedanta starting operations at the Bicholim mineral block.

Bicholim is the first auctioned mine to become operational since 2018, when the Supreme Court imposed a blanket ban on mining in the state and quashed 88 mining leases in March 2018. "Heralding a new era of inclusive development, Vedanta Sesa Goa commenced mining operations at Bicholim Mineral Block 1 in the state of Goa," the company said in a statement on Thursday. The resumption of mining activity will generate jobs and boost the state's economy, it added.

Vedanta successfully bid for the Bicholim block, auctioned in 2022. The company received the Centre's environment clearance in January 2024 to start mining at the Bicholim block.

EXPRESS READ

Haryana women's panel notice to Surjewala over comment

Chandigarh: The Haryana State Commission for Women on Thursday issued a notice to Congress Karnataka in-charge Randeep Singh Surjewala for allegedly making "indecent" remarks against actor and BJP leader Hema Malini.

Trump leads Biden in 6 of 7 battleground US states

Washington: Ahead of the upcoming US election scheduled for November, President Joe Biden is trailing behind his main opponent Donald Trump in six of the seven battleground states, according to a latest opinion poll.

UBL unit raided, liquor worth ₹98.52 crore confiscated

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

EXCISE officials raided a factory of United Breweries Limited (UBL) in Nanjangud taluk of Mysuru district on Thursday and found liquor valued at Rs 98.52 crore stashed there. In all, 6.03 lakh boxes containing 23,160 litres of liquor were confiscated. The raid at the UBL factory in Tandya industrial area assumes significance in view of the Lok Sabha elections. A team led by Excise Deputy Commissioner Nagashayana conducted the raid after the Chamarajanagar Deputy Commissioner's office received an anonymous call that a huge quantity of liquor has been stashed at the UBL factory.

According to Nagashayana, the seized liquor was meant for Kerala, with over 14,000 boxes intended for shipment. However, trucks carrying 7,000 boxes made a return trip, prompting legal actions on the unit, including charges of illegal transport and hoarding.

"Of the 14,000 boxes of liquor, there was no mention of 7,000 boxes in the factory's ledger. They were already unloaded. As per the Excise Act, while confiscating liquor for violations, along with illegal, even legal liquor should also be seized. So we have seized the liquor found there and shut the factory. Seventeen people, including the brewery excise officer, will be detained soon and produced before a local court," Nagashayana said. P9

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• **Ritu:** Sishira • **Masa:** Phalguna • **Paksha:** Krishna • **Tithi:** Ekadasi 9.43 am
• **Nakshatra:** Dhanishta 2.52 pm • Moon in Meena Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
• **Gulikakala:** 07:30 am to 09:00 am • **Yamaganda:** 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm

WEATHER
MIN 21°C | MAX 37°C
FORECAST Mostly cloudy

Sunrise 06.13 am | Sunset 06.31 pm | Moonrise 03.25 am | Moonset 03.18 pm

A FRIEND IN NEED...

BWSSB'S RECYCLED WATER TO SAVE FLORA IN BBMP PARKS

23 tankers will supply 6,000 litres of water each till summer lasts

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

WITH the mercury soaring and borewells in many parks maintained by Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) witnessing low yield and some going even dry, the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) has come to rescue such parks through its recycled water.

According to Deputy Director, BBMP, Horticulture Department , Chandrashekhar, in about 23 Assembly constituencies, to ensure the survival of flora, the BBMP had asked the BWSSB to supply recycled water. As many as 23 tankers have been pressed into service each day to supply water. Each tanker can carry 6,000 litres of water.

"We have close to 1,000 parks in BBMP limits and in some, borewells have gone dry. The yield in some is very low and hence, a request was placed with BWSSB. Now 23 tankers supply water daily. The same arrangement shall continue till summer lasts to ensure the survival of plants and trees," said Chandrashekhar.

An official from BBMP head office stated that a letter has been sent to senior officials for approvals to repair the borewells and also redrill borewells to go deep by another 100 to 200 feet to extract water only for park maintenance.

Meanwhile, some volunteers in KR Puram and surroundings have been watering plants in plastic pots. "Volunteers like Balaji Rogatham keep watering plants in lake park premises in Mahadevapura zone and they have been taking care of saplings as BBMP or BWSSB cannot water them," said Ram Prasad, co-founder, Friends of Lakes.

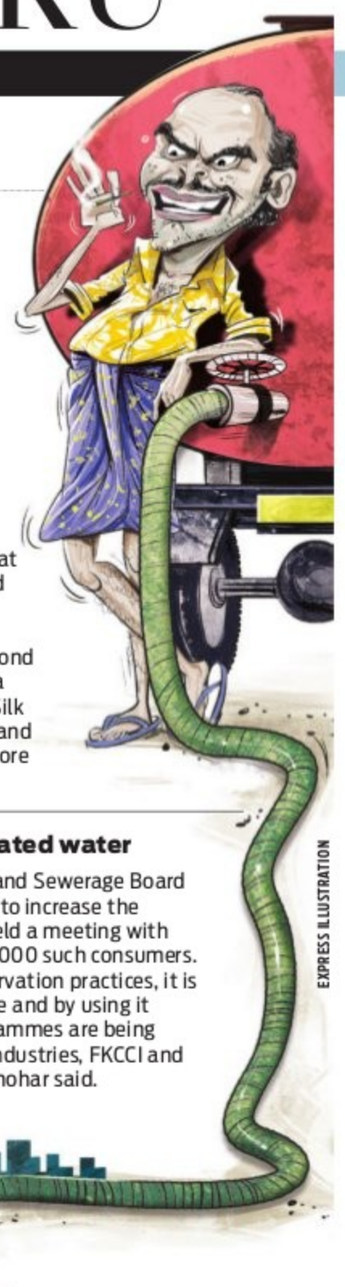
At Varanasi Park in Mahadevapura, about 400 saplings were planted by volunteers last year and since the water supply has become an issue this year, people are bringing water from home and watering daily.

4,000 aerators installed in govt institutions

Following the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board's direction that aerators should be installed in taps to ensure controlled flow of water and avoid wastage, 4,000 aerators have been installed so far. aAccording to BWSSB Chairman Ram Prasat Manohar, in the first phase, aerators were installed in all the offices of the BWSSB to motivate the public. In the second phase, 4,000 aerators have been installed by BWSSB at BDA, BSNL, Indira Canteens, Income-Tax, BBMP schools, ISRO, Beggars Colony, HAL, BEML, Silk Board, Kendriya Sadan, Defense, VV Tower, IAS Officers Association, RTO and police stations. "If we follow any new rules compulsorily, people will be more attracted to adopt them," said Manohar.

BWSSB to meet trade bodies, appeal to them to use treated water

With the water scarcity issue looming large, the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) will be hold a meeting with trade bodies like FKCCI and KASSIA to increase the market of treated water. BWSSB Chairman Ram Prasath Manohar, who held a meeting with consumers of 20-40 lakh litre water on Thursday, said there are about 18,000 such consumers. They are using about 200 MLD of water daily. By adopting the best conservation practices, it is possible to save water. The chairman noted that treated water is available and by using it properly, dependency on Cauvery water can be reduced. "Many new programmes are being launched to increase the market of treated water. A meeting with small industries, FKCCI and KASSIA will be held on Friday to convince them to use treated water," Manohar said.



EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

Amid water scarcity, residents resort to banana leaves, disposable plates

RISHITA KHANNA @Bengaluru

AMID the severe water scarcity crisis in the city, the cost of banana leaves has surged by Rs 3 to Rs 5 while sellers are also witnessing a sharp rise in the sales of disposable plates. The sellers in Malleshwaram report a surge of over 30% in sales as more people in the surrounding areas resort to a costly solution to cope with the city's poor state by opting for banana leaves and disposable plates to minimize water usage.

Neelamma, who runs a business in Malleshwaram's 10th cross, said that she had not experienced such robust sales for a long time. "The last time we had such a good sale was around Onam. Previously, the banana leaves were priced between Rs 6-8 per leaf, varying by size. However, for the past month, we have been selling a leaf for Rs 9-13 or at Rs 70 for a set of six leaves."

Over the past six months, our sales have been limited, they only surge during festivals and bulk purchases during functions or weddings. However, now people are using leaves as plates as part of their daily routine, Neelamma added.

Karupaswamy, a vendor who sells areca leaf cutlery and banana leaves in 16th Cross in Malleshwaram, told TNIE, "Since mid-February, we have been witnessing an uptick in sales for disposable of areca leaf plates and even banana leaves. Despite the spike in prices, customers are willing to purchase."

Previously, we were primarily focusing on partnering with small eateries every month, selling about 2,000 leaves and over 200 sets of areca leaf sets of three different sizes. However, the sales have gone up, even though we are only targeting individuals and not eateries, Karupaswamy added.

Shekhar, a customer who also resorted to using banana leaf said, "Banana leaves were used by our family only during functions but now we have been using it as an alternative to a plate. Due to heavy reliance on water tankers in areas surrounding Malleshwaram and Rajajinagar, many families have transitioned to eating on leaves to minimize the use of water."

'Ensure Cong candidates' win, get tickets for BBMP polls'

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

THE Congress has directed those aspiring to contest the BBMP elections to ensure a good lead for the party's Lok Sabha candidates in their respective wards.

The party issued this direction after a meeting of its senior leaders, including AICC general secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala and KPCC president DK Shivakumar, in the city on Wednesday night.

Confirming this, former mayor N Manjunath Reddy said Congress leaders keen on contesting the BBMP elections have been instructed to ensure the victory of the party's candidates in Bengaluru South, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru Central and Bengaluru Rural constituencies. The leads they manage to get at the ward-level would help them get party tickets for BBMP elections, he added.

Echoing the same, former mayor Gangambike Mallikarjun said such decisions are necessary to strengthen the party. "Those aspiring to become corporators or MLAs from Congress should work hard to unseat the sitting BJP MPs in the city," she added.

"This is a good decision. Some loyal party workers were ignored in the city for BBMP elections earlier and this led to resentment," said a former Congress MLA.

"In the Rajajinagar assembly segment, MLA aspirant G Padmavathi worked hard and looked after her Prakashnagar ward as well. She helped people during COVID-19. However, senior leader DK Shivakumar ignored her and gave the party ticket to Puttanna. Those keen on contesting Assembly and BBMP elections are scared of such developments," the former MLA said.

Elections to the BBMP Council have not been held since 2020 because of delimitation of wards and fixing quota. The previous governments did not make efforts to hold the elections. "After Lok Sabha elections, the state government should make sincere efforts to hold the BBMP elections at least by August. Without a local body, it is difficult to manage Bengaluru," he said.

NIMHANS to host walking tour on April 6

Bengaluru: To enhance public understanding of mental illnesses and available aservices, the Department of Mental Health at National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS) will organise a 'Walking tour of NIMHANS - stories against stigma' on Saturday. The event is open to people of all ages. The registration cost is Rs 500 per person and the walk will start from 10 am and continue till 2 pm. To register, visit https://forms.gle/Mbrne9Caa5FdgeKik7 For any information regarding the event, call: 9101 94517, 90037 77434, 080-2699 5156 or via e-mail at mheducation.nimhans @gmail.com **ENS**

SUMMER'S FURY

Street vendors in Malleswaram ply their wares under the shade of umbrellas following the intense heat wave in the past few days in the city | ALLEN EGENUSE J

RWF surpasses targets, records many milestones

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Yelahanka-based Rail Wheel Factory has churned out a whopping 1,96,265 wheels, 83,503 axles and 94,275 wheel-sets in the financial year 2023-2024, said an official release.

Apart from surpassing the targets set by the Railway Board, it has achieved many milestones, it said.

"During March 2024, RWF created history by producing 9,323 wheel-sets. This is the best ever production outturn for any month in the history of RWF," the release added. The factory was opened in September 1984. "Out of the 94,275 wheel-sets manufactured during last fiscal, 94,039 were dispatched. This is the best ever performance of wheel-set outturn and dispatch for a financial year in the history of RWF since inception"

The axles manufactured marks the best outturn since December 2013. The turnover for the year 2023-24 is expected to be Rs 2,273 crore.

In sale of scrap, too, it has exceeded the fixed targets with scrap worth Rs 41.13 crore sold during the fiscal as against its target of Rs 40 crore.

EXPRESS READ

UK Dy High Commissioner visits NMIT

Chandru Iyer, Deputy High Commissioner of the United Kingdom for Karnataka and Kerala and Deputy Trade Commissioner for South Asia, said the bilateral trade between India and the UK was 38.1 billion pounds in the four quarters to the end of Q3 2023. Addressing students on globalisation, entrepreneurship and trade at the Nitte Meenakshi Institute of Technology in Bengaluru on Thursday, he said the UK is always considered the gateway to Europe. "This was an increase of 8.7% or 3 billion pounds in current prices from the four quarters to the end of Q3 2022, thanks to the efforts of young enthusiastic professionals. I always feel that empathy, proper knowledge and constant observation skills are essential to become successful entrepreneurs," he added. Iyer also visited a few laboratories and research centres at NMIT. **ENS**

A mobile speech and hearing unit was inaugurated at Dr SR Chandrasekhar Institute of Speech and Hearing in association with Tallam Venkatesh Kasthuri Foundation on Thursday. Lion Tallam Venkatesh, DRSRCISH chairman Lion Krishna Reddy, secretary Suresh Babu and others were present

MAHE Open Day tomorrow

Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) will host its Open Day on Saturday for prospective students. The event aims to foster academic excellence through intellectual competition while giving prospective students and parents the chance to experience first hand, the learning environment provided at MAHE. The Open Day will start at 9 am and a welcome presentation and Q&A session will begin at 1.30 pm, followed by a talk hosted by Madhu Veeraraghavan, Pro Vice-Chancellor, MAHE, Bengaluru. The event will feature interactive workshops, quizzes and career-focused assessment tests among others. **ENS**

IIMB convocation tomorrow

The Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIM-B) will host its 49th convocation from 5 pm on Saturday. TV Narendran, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, Tata Steel, will be the chief guest and deliver the convocation address. This year, IIMB is also introducing the Best Research Award for a graduating student of the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programme. Degrees will be awarded to students of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programme and MBA programmes. **ENS**

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

05th April: Calling all keen gardeners! Today's lunar alignments favour both fruit and root crops. Come to think of it, the same goes for cooks. I can't think just now of a good recipe which combines potatoes and strawberries, or carrots and mangoes, but there must be one! Sometimes astrology just poses more questions than it answers!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
You may tend to exaggerate or over-dramatise both your successes and the difficulties you face, but this is all par for the course for the Arien perso-nality. Try and be a little more realistic, though. The simple reason is that, if you're not, you'll run into a series of misunders tandings.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Important changes really are afoot, there's no doubt about that. How-ever, partners and other people to whom you are close, will demand proof of your intentions together with suitable guarantees that you are genuinely capable of fulfilling your commitments.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Someone you trust still seems prone to letting you down, or trying to duck out of a commitment. Don't worry. It's all due to Mercury's wonderful motion, one day clearing up all your doubts, the next sowing confusion in your personal and intimate affairs.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
You may sometimes wonder why you take such trouble to keep people informed of your plans and intentions when they react with such indifference or ingratitude. Still, they are the losers, not you. And, with that in mind, work out what you can do next.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Perhaps it's because the Sun is your planetary ruler that you take other people's support and loyalty for granted. Yet events of the past few days may have taught you that you have no right to expect to get something for nothing. That's a necessary lesson, I'm afraid!

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
All forms of travel and communica-tion are to the fore now, and it seems very much as if you will be getting away for purely social reasons. You can now expect to hear from loved ones who are far away, and the result may be a family gathering or celebration.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Never forget how important it is to pay credit where credit is due, other-wise you will not be able to rely on partners' sym-pathy and encouragement in future. You really do have a great deal to be thankful for. For one thing, next year is going to bring unprecedented success in one of your treasured ambitions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Financial decisions are looming, as you know only too well. Some time within the next two or three weeks you must decide one way or the other, however attractive different alternatives may seem. You're definitely looking for a way out - but which way is it to be? That is the question!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Mercury maintains its helpful alignment with your sign today, good enough reason to arrange interviews, attend important meetings and hold vital discussions. For the next few weeks you will be at your most persuasive, and your words will be backed by rare emotional force.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Since you have already coped with a good deal of adversity in your life, you should be extremely well placed to cope with a problematic planetary picture which is now emerging. Other people may soon be coming to you for advice. You'll have to respond to each case in turn.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
It's time to shatter a few preconceived ideas and prove just how well you can get on without other people if the need arises. What transpires over the next few days will surely reinforce your confidence. And, once it does so, you will be ready to face the world again.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Events that are taking place now are perhaps insufficient to restore your confidence or raise your morale. Only you can do this. In addition to which, you can only do it by taking a good, long look at your successes and achievements so far - as well as your failures!

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle ⬇

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SUDOKU EASY

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Refuse to make a scathing comment (7)
5 It's an advantage for this girl to return (5)
8 Large bird's fair feature (3,6)
9 Act after article causes trouble (3)
10 Little dog sits on a would-be moth (4)
12 Newly arrived it is put back inside and reserved (8)
14 It acts strangely causing interference perhaps (6)
15 A truce for the priest's assistant (6)
17 Sense there's agreement among a boat's crew (8)
18 It can be taken in a bank (4)
21 This amount will be the highest (3)
22 Adverse criticism? Not as a rule (9)
24 Seven different levels (5)
25 Complaint I will put before the Head (7)

DOWN
1 A problem is raised in Polish (3,2)
2 Be a self-employed solicitor? (3)
3 One rejected a knight's title? It's a bloomer (4)
4 It carries food for a flea perhaps (6)
5 Point finally reached after weeks of study in America (8)
6 Draw on board (9)
7 Preacher makes pleas to convert (7)
11 Does it supply wood for building aircraft? (5,4)
13 Insisted order is order (8)
14 Church eminence (7)
16 Affected a stylish greeting (6)
19 Ready money? (5)
20 Jewel in ring given to a friend (4)
23 Not hot diamonds (3)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Delivery, 5 Warm, 9 Erato, 10 Seafood, 11 Undergarment, 13 Rarity, 14 Truant, 17 State pension, 20 Exactor, 21 Exits, 22 Tang, 23 Presages.

Down: 1 Diet, 2 Learner, 3 Violent death, 4 Resign, 6 Atone, 7 Meditate, 8 Hairdressers, 12 Prospect, 15 Adoring, 16 Terror, 18 Again, 19 Asks.

JUMBLE UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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Oh my! That is strong! Just like our sales!
People do love these! We have enough profits to build another shop.
WHEN ALTOIDS WERE INVENTED IN 1780, THE COMPANY ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: _____ _____ _____

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: BOUND FRUIT STICKY GOALIE
Answer: He flunked his test after — FAILING TO STUDY

An 85-year-old man lost his life he was run over by a KSRTC bus near Majestic Bus Stand around 12.30 pm on Thursday. The victim, identified as Ganga Reddy, was a native of Andhra Pradesh. The victim was walking to the bus stand to board a bus when the accident took place. The KSRTC bus that was seized belongs to Mudigere depot

Suspect cholera case in city puts BBMP on alert

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

A 27-year-old woman from Malleswaram was admitted to a private hospital with symptoms of cholera, such as diarrhoea and vomiting.

The doctor who treated her in a private hospital found symptoms of cholera and informed the nearest city primary health centre. In the initial tests, there is a positive report about the presence of cholera, and the laboratory test (stool sample) throws up a negative report. The woman has no travel history, nor has she visited cholera affected areas or consumed outside food in recent days. Following the development, the Palike has taken measures like surveillance and a health team visited 165 houses around the place where the woman lives. Awareness will be created among the public about transmission of the disease, importance of hygiene, using clean water and hand hygiene.

Officials also collected 10 water samples and sent them to the laboratory, however, no symptoms of cholera were reported in 165 households. All health officers and medical officers have been directed to form Assembly Constituency/Zone Level Rapid Response Teams to deal with any outbreak.

Palike also directed all hotels/restaurants/cafe owners to distribute hot drinking water to customers. All private hospitals under the corporation, private labs and government hospitals such as urban primary health centres, community health centres, taluk hospitals, general hospitals, hospitals under medical education should report all suspected cases in the IHIP database prescribed by the government.

Bangalore South Lok Sabha candidate Tejasvi Surya and Union minister Anurag Thakur take out a rally, after the former filed his nomination, in Bengaluru on Thursday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Forced to attend Surya's rally, allege students

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

Students of Jain College, VV Puram, on Thursday alleged that they were forced to participate in a rally organised by BJP candidate Tejasvi Surya to file his nomination papers for Bangalore South Lok Sabha constituency.

Allegations were made on social media by the college students, which were later shared by activists. The clippings were from a Whatsapp group directing students to "compulsorily be present" there (rally).

The message, purportedly sent by the president of the students' council of the college, soon went viral, garnering over 121.6K views on X.

"Greetings members, Tomorrow all members of the student council have to assemble near Maiyas Hotel Jayanagar at 9am for the Tejasvi Surya rally. You'll be getting a T-Shirt so don't be late. Everyone has to be there at the reporting time and no excuses will be entertained. You will be getting attendance for this," read one of the screenshots.

When one of the students questioned why their attendance at the rally was mandatory and said that being a part of political rallies was a personal choice, it was dismissed by the council representatives. The council responded saying they were "obliged" to show up at the rally.

"Before you guys get into all of this, I would like to tell you guys that at the time of our fest Tejasvi Surya was obliged by the student council to attend our fest, and now it's our turn to do the same. This is why it is compulsory for us to be there tomorrow as a council and nothing else. Anyone else having any other questions regarding this rally can text me personally," continued the group conversation.

Reports said similar messages were also circulated in BMS College WhatsApp groups. However, while speaking to the media, the principal of Jain College refuted the claim for attendance.

Meanwhile, the Congress candidate for Bangalore South, Sowmya Reddy, urged the Election Commission of India to act on the matter immediately.

CRIME PATROL

Painter held for rape, murder of beggar

Bengaluru: A 19-year-old painter has been arrested by the Amruthahalli police for reportedly raping and murdering a 55-year-old woman. The police have identified the accused as Sachin alias Karan, a resident of Jakkur. The incident occurred around 8.30 pm on Tuesday. Sachin, who was consuming alcohol at a bar, saw the victim, who was a beggar, alone. He followed her and allegedly took her inside a building under construction, where he raped and murdered her. The woman's body was discovered by locals the next day. The victim, a native of Devadurga in Raichur, went missing on Tuesday, and her son kept searching for her. After finding his mother's body, he filed a complaint with the police, who managed to arrest the accused. Further investigations are on.

West Bengal man flees after killing wife

Bengaluru: A 35-year-old man from West Bengal is on the run after allegedly murdering his wife at their house near New Horizon Vidya Mandir in Bhoganahalli. The accused had allegedly murdered his wife by bludgeoning her head with a wooden plank. Hearing the victim scream for help, neighbours rushed to her house, and the accused managed to escape. The victim who was heavily bleeding from her head was shifted to hospital by the neighbours, but was declared brought dead. The victim has been identified as Banidebi Basak, from Nadia district in West Bengal. Her husband Jugal Basak is on the run. The couple worked as housekeepers. "According to neighbours, the couple frequently fought. On the day of the incident too, they had a quarrel. The accused is suspected to be an alcoholic," said an officer.

Woman on morning walk attacked, robbed

PRAVEEN KUMAR
@ Bengaluru

A 54-year-old woman was punched in her face and robbed of her gold ornaments by robbers in an auto on Brigade Millennium Road in JP Nagar Phase 7, early Tuesday morning. The incident happened between 5.15am and 5.30am, when R Vasantha was on her morning walk.

Of the gang, two got down from the auto and robbed her of her chain and started running towards the auto that was parked at a distance. The accused returned, punched her face when she tried to resist, and escaped in the auto. The attack left Vasantha with a completely broken tooth. With a bleeding mouth, she was taken to a police station by college students on their bike.

Vasantha, a resident of Navodaya Nagar in JP Nagar Phase 7, is a homemaker who used to take the same route on her morning walk for the past five years.

"The victim's other teeth have also been damaged and need to be removed. The accused are said to have come from behind. One of them held her from behind, while the other accused pulled her gold chain. After they escaped, two students who were on their way to a nearby tuition centre brought her to the police station on their bike," said an officer.

After registering the complaint, Puttenahalli police rushed to the spot and checked CCTV footage in the vicinity, and are said to have obtained vital clues about the auto in which the accused fled.

Vasantha managed to see the face of one of the attackers. Police are in the process of showing her pictures of habitual robbers, hoping to get clues to the accused. Investigations are on.

HC NOTICE TO GOVT, BBMP OVER DISPLAY OF MLA'S PHOTOS ON PUBLIC PROJECTS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

ACTING on a PIL filed by a resident seeking directions to remove photographs of MLAs Priya Krishna of Govindarajanagar constituency and his father M Krishnappa of Vijayanagar constituency from BBMP-owned public properties, parks, sports, playgrounds, sports complex and a 'dhyana mandira' situated in both the constituencies, the Karnataka High Court on Thursday issued notice to the state government and the Palike.

A division bench of Chief Justice NV Anjaria and Justice Krishna S Dixit issued notice to them after hearing a petition filed by HM Arthish, a resident of Moodalapalya, alleging that the authorities have failed to act on the matter despite he submitted the representations.

The petitioner has also prayed the court to issue directions to the state government and BBMP to comply with the directions issued by the Supreme Court in 2016 and the High Court in 2021, about the removal of photos of public representatives from public projects, and take disciplinary action against delinquent officials. The inaction of the BBMP officials is benefitting the MLAs at the cost of public money, the petitioner alleged.

ಪತ್ರಿಕೆ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that my client **Mrs. D. Syamala**, R/at: 27(596), SS Temple Street, V.V.Puram, Bangalore South, Bangalore - 560004, has lost Original Registered Sale Deed dt.07-11-1990, Document No.2179/1990-91 of Book-1, Vol.No. 3293, pages 163 to 166,registered in the office of Sub-Registrar Bangalore South Taluk, in respect of property bearing House list / Site No. 24, Katha No. 64/2, situated at Bommanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District. In this regard my client has also preferred a police complaint on 04-04-2024 through Online vide LOST REPORT No. 1002130/2024, that my client has not created any charge over the property covered under the above said document. If found, the document may kindly be delivered to the undermentioned address, any objection from the concerned public will not be entertained or bind my client **after 15 days** from the date of this public notice.

Mahesh Kumar M.H. Advocate
No.56/A, 3rd Cross, 24th Main, J. P. Nagar 2nd Phase, Bangalore-78. Ph: 9686751274.

CLUEPATH DIAGNOSTICS LLP
(LLPIN - AAN-3286)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Conversion of Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) into Private Limited company
(CLUEPATH DIAGNOSTICS PRIVATE LIMITED)

Notice is hereby given to all concerned that CLUEPATH DIAGNOSTICS LLP, previously operating as a Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) under the provisions of the Limited Liability Partnership Act,. has proposed to converted into a Private Limited Company under the Companies Act. With this conversion, CLUEPATH DIAGNOSTICS LLP Shall continue its operations as CLUEPATH DIAGNOSTICS PRIVATE LIMITED with renewed vigor and commitment to excellence. The conversion signifies our dedication to growth, expansion, and enhanced service delivery to our esteemed clientele. We assure all our stakeholders of a seamless transition and reaffirm our commitment to maintaining the highest standards of professionalism and integrity in all our endeavors.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client **Sri.Varudharajan Soundappan**, Aged about 76 years, Son of Soundappan, for the purchase of the property described in the schedule herein below, from Mr.Martin.P, Aged about 34 years, Son of Mr.Premkumar Any person or persons having asserting any right, title, lien or interest/ claims in the schedule property or intending to oppose the purchase of the schedule property in any manner may intimate the same in writing along with documentary evidence and objections in support of their claim to the undersigned. **Within 12 days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which my client will be advised to proceed and complete the purchase of the said property on the basis that there are no valid claims subsisting against the schedule property.

-:THE SCHEDULE PROPERTY:-

All that piece and parcel of the immovable House Property bearing No.46, Khatha No.23/3, Old No.23/2, Khatha No.1102/23/3/511/46, formed No.1291, Previous House List No.511/46, Situated at 4th Cross, Jaraganahalli in BBMP Ward No.186, Old CMC Bommanahalli, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet, in all measuring about 1200 Square feet, along with RCC roofed built up area, with all right of easements appurtenances either latent patent attached to the schedule property and bounded as follows: And bounded on :-**East by** : Property No.45, **West by:** Property No.47, **North by :** ROAD, **South by :** Property No.56,

Mr. M. Srinivasa, Advocate
No.02, Opp Oracle, Thavarekere Main Road, S.G.Palya, D.R.C.Post, Bangalore-560029.

BEFORE THE 1st ADDL BANGALORE URBAN DISTRICT CONSUMER REDRESSAL COMMISSION
COMP No. 264 / 2020

MR. J. OMKARESHWAR ...Complainant
M/S PPS MOTORS PVT LTD ..Opposite Party

Summons To Proposed Opposite Party No.2

M/s YELLOW EXPRESS LOGISTICS LTD,
Represented by its Authorised Signatory No.6, 1/1, 1,2 and 3rd Floor, 11th Main Road, 1st Stage Gokula Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore-560054

WHEREAS the Complainant has instituted the above mentioned complaint for refund of amount against the above mentioned Opposite party who are hereby called upon to appear with all relevant documents before the Hon'ble Court on 24/04/2024 at 10.45 AM to defend the said complaint & in default of your appearance on the date and time specified, the said suit will be heard ad decided in your absence .

Given under my hand and seal of this Court, on 03/04/2024

By order of this District Consumer Protection Redressal Commission at Bangalore.

Asst Registrar-Cum Assistant Administrative Officer Bangalore Rural & Bengaluru Urban 1st Addl District Consumer Dispute Redressal 1st Floor, BMTC B Block, TTMC Building, K H Road, Shanthinagar, Bangalore-560027.

M/s ANAND ASSOCIATES, No.31, 515 Colony, New Thippasandra, Bangalore-75.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client **Sri. PUTTASWAMY GOWDA,** S/o. Late. Puttalingegowda, aged about 57 years,Residing at No.898, 15th Cross, 1st Stage, 1st Phase, Chandra Layout, Bangalore-560072, intends to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from Sri. K.G. VENKATESH S/o. Sri. K. Govindappa, aged about 60 years, residing at No.401/A, 10th Main Road, 5th Cross, Sri Ramanjaneya Swamy Temple Main Road, Srinagar, Bangalore-560050, If any person/s, financial institution/s, Companyies, Bank/s, firm/s etc., asserting any claim, right, title or interest over the Schedule property or any part thereof in any manner or against the Owner may lodge their claim or objection with documentary proof thereof with the undersigned in writing **within 15 days** from the date of this public notice failing which it is deemed that there are no claim on title to the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No.82 (Eighty Two), Old Asst. No.28, New Asst. No.119, presently comes under jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.130-Ullal, Old Khatha No.315/330, present Khatha Sl.No.1605, Property No.315/330/82, situated at Ullal Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, Measuring: East to West: 40-0 (Forty) Feet and North to South 30-0 (Thirty) feet, in all measuring 1200 sq.ft. and bounded on: **East by:** Road, **West by:** Site No.105, **North by:** Site No.83, **South by:** Site No.81.

D. HANUMANTHARAYAPPA Advocate,
No.14, Mamatha A. Apartment 201,
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Bangalore-560009. Phone: 9880038069.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that **SRI. ANNAPPA. H** is the owner of immovable property mentioned in the schedule hereunder and she has lost original Sale Deed dated 25/4/2012 bearing Document No.376 / 2012-13, Book-1 stored in CD 151, executed by Sri.Nagaraj.B.N in favour of Sri.Annappa.H registered in the office of sub registrar, Varthuru, Bangalore Urban District, pertaining to the schedule property: In case anybody having any claims or in possession of the said document, shall inform the under singed and handover the same within **SEVEN DAYS** from the date of publication of this notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL that piece and parcel of Property bearing Site No 34. New Municipal No 54, and BBMP Khatha No 1080/107/54, (Portion), Formed in Converted Survey No 107. Converted for Residential Purposes, by the Special Deputy Commissioner (Revenue). Bangalore District, Bangalore, vide their order No ALN(EVH) SR68/2009-10, Dated 19 08-2009. Now within Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Limits Bangalore. Site Measuring East to West 40.9 North to South 30ft, in all Measuring 1227 sq ft, situated at Panathur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Earlier Bangalore South Taluk and bounded on: East by : Road, West by : Private Property, North by : Site No.35, South by : Site No.33.

N.JAGADEESH KUMAR,
Advocate, No.30/1, 2nd Floor, 7th Cross,
Near NR Colony Bus Stand,Opp. Hotel Dwaraka,
Bangalore-560019, *Cell # 9341261700*

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that my client is intent to purchase the Site No.529, BBMP Katha No.1456/529, (Old CMC Katha No.1456) measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 80 feet, totally measuring 4000 Sq.feet, Situated at 1st Stage, 4th Block, HBR Layout, Bangalore and Bounded on: **East by** : Site No.530, **West by** : Site No.528, **North by** : Road, **South by** : Site No.499 from it's present Owner Mrs. A.M. KOUSALYA W/o Mr. N. Ramesh Persons having any right over the said property may lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence within 15 days from this day to the undersigned. In the absence of any claims within the above said period. it shall be deemed that there are no such claims or that if there are any claims and they have not been made, it shall be deemed to have been waived.

SRI VINAYAKA ASSOCIATES
Advocates
No.999/8, Second Floor, 5th Cross,
ORR, Horamavu, Bangalore-560 043.
Mob: 9591720993

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that my client Sri. Asadulla Khan S/o late Amanulla Khan R/a No. 36, 4th Cross, Pipe Line West, K.B. Nagar, Bangalore-560026 is intending to purchase the immovable vacant Site property bearing No. 3104, 4th Block, Sir M. Visveswaraiah Layout, Bangalore measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 40 feet in all measuring 2400 square feet from its lawful and absolute owners Smt. A. Roopa D/o Sri. R. Appajappa R/a No. 27/34, 18th Main Road, Padnabha Nagar, Bangalore-70.

If anybody is having any objection, claim, interests, dispute for the above intended sale transaction he/she may contact the undersigned with the documentary proof substantiating his/her/their objections/claims/ details of disputes **within 10 days** from the date of this publication. Failing which the purchaser named above will proceed to complete the sale transaction with the above owners as if there are no third party claims/objections/dispute in respect of the aforesaid property and thereafter no claims/objections/dispute will be entertained.

K. N. Subba Reddy Associates, Advocate,
No. 200, 11th Cross, Wilson Garden,
Bangalore-560027, Contact: 9886075362

NCLT 3A

BEFORE THE HON'BLE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU BENCH
IN THE MATTER OF SECTIONS 230 TO 232 READ WITH RULE 3(2) OF THE COMPANIES (COMPROMISES, ARRANGEMENTS, AMALGAMATIONS) RULES, 2016
AND
IN THE MATTER OF SCHEME OF AMALGAMATION OF M/s. MOTOROLA MOBILITY CHENNAI PRIVATE LIMITED AND M/s. MOTOROLA MOBILITY INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED AND THEIR RESPECTIVE SHAREHOLDERS AND CREDITORS
AND
CA (CAA) MERGER AND AMALGAMATION NO. 35/BB/2023
AND
CP (CAA) MERGER AND AMALGAMATION NO. 06/BB/2024

M/s. Motorola Mobility Chennai Private Limited
CIN: U32109KA2009PTC176328
Registered Office: Unit No. 2, Fourth Floor, Roach Icon, Survey No.28 and 36/5, Doddanakundi Village, Next to Akme Ballet, K. R. Puram Hobli, Outer Ring Road, Bangalore-560037
...PETITIONER COMPANY NO. 1 / TRANSFEROR COMPANY

M/s. Motorola Mobility India Private Limited
CIN: U32204KA2009PTC112722
Registered Office: Bagmane Tech Park, No. 66/1, Plot No. 5, 5th Floor, CV Raman Nagar, Bangalore - 560093
... PETITIONER COMPANY NO. 2 / TRANSFEREE COMPANY

NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITON

Notice is hereby given that petitioner companies have filed a joint petition under CP (CAA) 06/BB/2024 for an order sanctioning Scheme of Amalgamation between **M/s. Motorola Mobility Chennai Private Limited (Transferor Company) and M/s. Motorola Mobility India Private Limited (Transferee Company),** on 9 February 2024 before Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Bengaluru Bench and the petition was admitted by the Hon'ble Bench in the hearing held on 14 March 2024 and has directed to publish the notice in the newspaper according to Rule 16 of Companies (Compromises, Arrangements and Amalgamations) Rules, 2016. Accordingly, the next date of hearing is fixed on 30 May 2024, for the consideration of the approval of the scheme as contemplated between the Petitioner Companies. The Petitioner Companies are having their registered office in Bangalore, in the State of Karnataka.

Any person desirous of opposing the said petition should send to the Petitioners' Advocate at their address mentioned hereunder and to Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Bengaluru Bench at **"Raheja Towers, Vittal Mallya Rd, KG Halli, D' Souza Layout, Ashok Nagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560001"** a copy of notice of his/her intention, grounds of opposition, copy of his/her affidavit, signed by him/her or his/her advocate/counsel within thirty days from the date of publication of this notice.

A copy of the petition will be furnished by the Transferor Company/Transferee Company to any person requiring the same on payment of prescribed charges for the same.

Details of Counsel for the applicant companies:

M/s. N G Joshi & Co
Add.: No. 4144, 4th Floor, 4th Block, Girinagar, Near Seetha Circle, BSK III stage, Bengaluru -560085 **Email Id:**csnaman@ngjoshiandco.com **Ph. No.: 080 26423303**

For and on behalf of **M/s. Motorola Mobility Chennai Private Limited (Transferor Company)**	For and on behalf of **M/s Motorola Mobility India Private Limited (Transferee Company)**
Sd/-	Sd/-
Ms. Anita Kapoor	Mr. Prashanth Hegde
DIN: 02787405	Authorized Representative of Transferee Company
Designation: Director	Place: Bangalore
Place: Bangalore	

Dated this 05th, April 2024

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE XXVII CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE (CCH-09) AT BENGALURU

P & SC No. 192/2024

BETWEEN: Sri. T.S. JAGADEESH BABU, S/o. Late. Shankar Shastry, Aged about 62 years, R/at. No.22, 1st Floor, 6th Cross, 6th Main, Yeshwanthpura, K.N. Extension, Bangalore-560 022. **...PETITIONER**
AND : NIL ...RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the petitioners named above have filed the above petition U/s. 278 of Indian Succession Act, requesting to pass an order of direction to respondent authority to Issue Letter of Administration to petitioners by name T.S. Jagadeesh Babu S/o. Late Shankar Shastry, brother of the deceased T.S. Radha Krishnan died on 08.05.2020. If any parties who have got any objection with regard to issue of Letter of Administration may appear before the Hon'ble CCH-09 at Bangalore **on 19.04.2024 at about 11.00 pm.**

The notice that in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned the suit will be heard and determined as respondent Nil.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Sy.No.24/1, BBMP No. 592/587, Ward No.184, Site No.587, situated at Vaddarapalya Village, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Layout formed by Purnapragna House Building Cooperative Society Ltd., Residential Flat bearing No.TF-1 (2BHK) in 3rd Floor, having BBMP, flat Property / Katha No. 1547/592/587/TF-1, in apartment building known as "VIGNESH HOMES" , (SCHEDULE C PROPERTY) (super built up area conveyed as per the sale deed) having super built up area of 1100 sq.feet constructed with RCC roofing, vitrified flooring, main door and pooja door is of teak wood, and other doors are of Flush doors, and aluminum windows with all civic amenities like Electricity, water and sanitary connection along with one covered car parking place in stilt floor, Which is morefully described the Schedule C property, together with 220 Square of undivided share, right title interest of land in Schedule A property which is morefully described in the schedule here under and hereinafter called the schedule B property, together with proportionate share in common areas, passages, lobbies, staircase, lift and other areas of common use in schedule-A property, bounded on :- **East By :** Private property, **West By :** Government Road, **South By :** Site No.588, **South by :** Site No. 586.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this 04.04.2024.

By Order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

Advocate for Petitioner :
Smt. Vani Mahesh .H.V, Advocate
No. 14, 6th D Cross, 6th Main, Jnanajyothinagar, Bangalore-560056.

BEFORE THE 1st ADDL BANGALORE URBAN DISTRICT CONSUMER REDRESSAL COMMISSION
COMP No. 577 / 2020

MR. IRAPPA KUBERAPPA CHABI ..Complainant
M/S PPS MOTORS PVT LTD ..Opposite Party

Summons To Proposed Opposite Party No.2

M/s YELLOW EXPRESS LOGISTICS LTD,
Represented by its Authorised Signatory No.6, 1/1, 1,2 and 3rd Floor, 11th Main Road, 1st Stage Gokula Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore-560054

WHEREAS the Complainant has instituted the above mentioned complaint for refund of amount against the above mentioned Opposite party who are hereby called upon to appear with all relevant documents before the Hon'ble Court on 24/04/2024 at 10.45 AM to defend the said complaint & in default of your appearance on the date and time specified, the said suit will be heard ad decided in your absence .

Given under my hand and seal of this Court, on 03/04/2024

By order of this District Consumer Protection Redressal Commission at Bangalore.

Asst Registrar-Cum-Assistant Administrative Officer Bangalore Rural & Bengaluru Urban 1st Addl District Consumer Dispute Redressal 1st Floor, BMTC B Block, TTMC Building, K H Road, Shanthinagar, Bangalore-560027.

M/s ANAND ASSOCIATES, No.31, 515 Colony, New Thippasandra, Bangalore-75.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The notice is hereby given to public that Sri.Jeevan S. has lost original GPA bearing doc.no.33/2007-08 and Registered sale deed bearing Doc.No.5282/2007-08 at the time of shifting of house and our client Sri. Sri.Punith Kumar R. is intending to purchase and mortgage the schedule property and avail loan from Piramal Capital Housing Finance Limited.

If any person or persons or financial institution or Bank has any claim over the schedule property or any person or persons claim any right, title or interest, over the schedule property, the same may be lodged with the undersigned within seven days from today, along with relevant documents, failing which it will be presumed that the schedule property is free from any such claim and any claim received thereafter will not bind my client and would not be considered by my client.

SCHEDULE:

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.6, Sy No.36, Situated at Dandupalya Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural Dist., measuring East to West:(24.5+24.5)/2ft, North to South:(38.5+35.3)/2ft, in all measuring 900.375sqft., bounded on; East by Road, West by Ruby Royal Layout, North by Site No.5, South by Ruby Royal Layout,

V.L. Associates
Advocates
No.56, Out House, 19th Main Road, 2nd Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560 010.
Ph: 9481900851/ 9743323668.
Place: Bangalore Date: 03.04.2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of general public that my client namely, **VANGALA ESWARAMMA,** aged about 70 years, wife of Mr.Janupala Chinaranga Reddy, residing at No.96, 28th Main, HSR Layout, Sector-I, Bengaluri-560102, has lost/misplaced or not traceable even after sufficient efforts made with respect to the following document mentioned hereunder:-

1) Original and Photocopy of General Power of Attorney executed by Mr.Soma Ramakrishna Reddy in favour of Mr.S.Jogi Reddy for purchase, with respect to residentially converted bearing vacant Site No.29, measuring East to West- 40 Feet and North to South- 30 Feet, totally measuring 1200 Sq. Ft in the approved layout "RELIAABLE LAKEDEW RESIDENCY PHASE-IV" (approved from Bengaluru Development Authority, Bengaluru vide bearing No. BDA/TPM/PL-14/07/3729/2007-08, dated 15/02/2008), carved out of residentially converted property bearing Sy.No.119, measuring 03 Acres 26 ½ Guntas, situated at Haraluru Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk.

Which is in respect of Schedule Property mentioned herein below and the same is not traceable, if the said Original and Photocopy of General Power of Attorney is found by any person /s, please hand over the same to the below mentioned address. I have also filed a complaint in E-Lost Report Vide Acknowledgement bearing No.0999412/2024.

Further, if any person/s financial institutions, companies having or claiming any manner of right, title, lien, interest etc, in respect of the Schedule Property, may intimate the same in writing to the under mentioned with necessary documentary evidence in support thereon, within 5 days from the date of this publication, failing which my client will further proceed with the Schedule Property, as if no valid claim or right is subsisting in favour of anyone against the property described in the Schedule hereunder.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residentially converted bearing vacant Site No.29, measuring East to West- 40 Feet and North to South- 30 Feet, totally measuring 1200 Sq. Ft in the approved layout "RELIAABLE LAKEDEW RESIDENCY PHASE-IV" (approved from Bengaluru Development Authority, Bengaluru vide bearing No. BDA/TPM/PL-14/07/3729/2007-08, dated 15/02/2008), carved out of residentially converted property bearing Sy.No.119, measuring 03 Acres 26 ½ Guntas, situated at Haraluru Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk and bounded with:-

East by : Private Property;
West by : Road;
North by : Property bearing Site No.30;
South by : Property bearing Site No.28.

G.M. Law Associates,
Advocate and Legal Consultant,
No.114/1, First Floor, Above Birbal Darbar, Kodathi Gate, Sarjapura Road, Bengaluru–560 035. Mobile: - 9886359766

FEDERAL BANK
YOUR PERFECT BANKING PARTNER

The Federal Bank Ltd., Loan Collection and Recovery Department / Chennai Division, No. 27, 5th Floor, Akshaya Shanthi Building, Opp: Head Post Office, Anna Salai, Chennai, Tamilnadu-600002, Phone: 044-28131373,28130988, Email: chnlcrd@federalbank.co.in Website: www.federalbank.co.in, CIN: L65191KL1931PLC000368

Name and Address of the borrower: 1) Shri. K M Moideen Kunhi, S/o T B. Kunhu Mahin Haji @ Mahin Kasi,
a. 2H 3rd Block, 2nd Floor, Rani Meyyammai Tower, MRC Nagar, Santhome High Road, Raja Annamalaipuram, Chennai, Tamil Nadu-600028,
b. Padoor House, Kavumpallam, Thekkil PO, Thekkil, Kasaragod, Kerala-671541,
2) Smt. Ramiya Moideen @ M Ramya, W/o K M Moideen Kunhi, 2H 3rd Block, 2nd Floor, Rani Meyyammai Tower, MRC Nagar, Santhome High Road, Raja Annamalaipuram, Chennai, Tamil Nadu-600028,
3) M/s Vintage Hotels Private Limited, No.9, Mission Road, Bangalore, 27, Karnataka-560027

Notice issued under section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as Act)

The 1st of you as principal borrower along with 2nd and 3rd as guarantors/co-obligants/ mortgagors availed Federal Housing (FHS) loan with number 11007300002666 of **₹ 5,00,00,000/- (Rupees Five Crore only)** on **30.11.2021** from The Federal Bank Limited a company registered under the Companies Act 2013 having registered office at Aluva (hereinafter referred to as the bank) through its branch at Chennai/Mount Road for acquisition of land and construction of house, after executing necessary security agreements / loan documents in favour of the Bank.

Towards the security of the aforesaid credit facility availed from the Bank, 1st and 2nd of you have created security interest in favour of the Bank by way of mortgage in respect of the following immovable property.

Description of Mortgaged Immovable Property : All that piece and parcel of Vacant Plot bearing No.03 & 04 and Plot bearing No.03 measuring about 3134.80 Square Feet and Plot bearing No.04 measuring about 3135.88 Square Feet an total extent of both Plots measuring about 6270.68 Square Feet in the Approved Layout Known as "Beach Walk One" together with building existing and/or to be constructed and all other improvements thereon comprised in Old Sy no. No.91/2, part then Survey No. 91/47, New Survey No.91/47A1 as per Patta No.7942 situated at Kathiravan Salai Neelankarai Village, Sholinganallur Taluk, Chennai District, Tamil Nadu State within the registration Sub District of Neelankarai, Plot No.03 being bounded on the; North by: Vacant Land, Tryst Cafe and Residential Plot, South by: 9M Wide Road, East by: Plot.No.02 and West by: Plot No.04.Admeasuring: East to West on the Southern Side – 13.9M, East to West on the Northern Side – 13.9M, North to South on the Eastern Side – 21M and North to South on the Western Side – 21.1M. Plot No.04 being bounded on the; North by: Vacant Land, Tryst Cafe and Residential Plot, South by: 9M Wide Road, East by: Plot.No.03 and West by: 7.2M Wide Road.Admeasuring: East to West on the Southern Side – 12.4M, East to West on the Northern Side – 13.9M, North to South on the Eastern Side – 21.1M and North to South on the Western Side – 21.2M.

The aforesaid mortgaged security properties are hereinafter referred to as 'secured assets'. You have defaulted repayment of the above-secured debt in violation of the agreed terms and the account became Non Performing Asset as on **13.01.2024**, as per the guideline of RBI. The undersigned being Authorised Officer of the Federal Bank Ltd. hereby informs you that a sum of **₹ 4,07,24,958.47 (Rupees Four Crore Seven Lakh Twenty Four Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty Eight, paise Forty Seven only)** is due from you jointly and severally as on **18.01.2024** under your FHS loan with number 11007300002666 maintained with Chennai/Mount Road branch of the Bank.

As such, the Bank as a secured creditor as envisaged under section 2(zd) of the Act hereby call upon you, as contemplated under Sec.13 (2) of the said Act, to pay the said amount with further interest @9.25% per annum in your FHS loan with monthly rests along with additional/penal charges and costs from **15.01.2024** from you jointly and severally, till the date of payment and costs within 60 days from the date of this notice, failing which the Bank as a secured creditor shall be constrained, without prejudice to any of its other rights and remedies, to take, without any further notice, the following recourse measures prescribed under section 13(4) of the Act against you.

1. To take possession of the secured assets described above and transfer the said assets by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising the dues. **2.** To take over the management of the secured assets and transfer them by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising the dues.**3.**To appoint any person to manage the secured assets the possession of which has been taken over by the bank. **4.** To require at any time by notice in writing, to any person who has acquired any of the secured assets from you and from whom any money is due or may become due to you, to pay to the bank.

You are also put on notice that as per section 13(13) of the Act, you shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of the secured assets referred to in this notice in any manner whatsoever to the prejudice of the interest of the bank without its prior written consent.

You are also put on notice that Section 13(6) of the Act empowers the bank to give a valid title to the transferee all rights in, or in relation to, the secured asset transferred as if the transfer had been made by the owner of such secured asset. Please be informed that in the event of your failure to discharge your liability in full within 60 days from the date of this notice and the bank initiates remedial actions under the provisions of the Act, you shall further be liable to pay to the bank all cost, charges and expenses incurred in that connection. Your attention is also invited to the provisions of section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets (security properties). In case the dues are not fully satisfied with the sale proceeds of the secured assets, the bank shall proceed against you for the recovery of the balance amount personally. This notice is issued without prejudice to the other rights and remedies available to the bank for recovering its dues. Dated this the day **19th of January 2024.**

Date : 19.01.2024
Place : Chennai

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Federal Bank Ltd.

KS Eshwarappa, who is contesting as an independent candidate from Shivamogga, will face the heat of the Enforcement Directorate, Income Tax department and CBI. BJP will not sit quiet, it will launch a series of raids against him

Siddaramaiah, Chief Minister

POLLING DATE
PHASE-2 APRIL 26
PHASE-3 MAY 7

DAYS TO GO
PHASE-2 21
PHASE-3 32

TOTAL SEIZURES
₹1,87,85,14,499

FIRS BOOKED
1,240

COMPLAINTS ON CVIGIL 15,624

No. of candidates filing nominations for Phase-2 elections 358

₹ 217.21 crore
Assets of JDS state president HD Kumaraswamy and his wife Anitha

TWEET OF THE DAY

Kumaraswamy, serving as Chief Minister twice, has earned respect for his contributions to the state. His alliance with the BJP reflects a shared commitment to the welfare of Karnataka and the nation.

@DrPramodPSawant, Chief minister, Goa

CM QUESTIONS BJP ON SOURCE OF MONEY FOR 'OPERATION LOTUS'

Says oppn MLAs are lured with ₹25 crore each; Reveals date of drought relief plea

G SUBHASH CHANDRA
@ Chitradurga

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah on Thursday alleged that BJP is spending thousands of crores of rupees to bring down democratically elected governments in opposition-ruled states, and questioned Prime Minister Narendra Modi about the source of the money.

Addressing the public after inaugurating 'Praja Dhwani-2', a convention, and campaigning for Congress candidate BN Chandrappa in the city, he alleged that PM Modi calls himself "Chowkidar" and says he never indulges in corrupt practices, however, the BJP lures opposition MLAs with Rs 25 crore and brings down governments unethically. "It then spends crores of rupees for their re-election. The people of the country have no doubt about the source of money spent on Operation Lotus," he said.

The BJP has formed governments in Karnataka but never got the people's mandate. In 2008, BJP had got 110 seats, and in 2018, it got 104 seats, but carried out Operation Lotus and formed the government, he added. Money for Operation Lotus was generated through corrupt practices, he alleged.

Questioning Modi on steps taken on allegations of 40 per cent commission by the Contractors' Association against former CMs BS Yediyurappa and Basavaraj Bommai, he alleged that Modi was silent. "The Congress government has formed a commission to probe the allegations and submit a report," he said, and demanded that Modi answer the people of the country on black money.

Drought funds politics

On the release of drought relief funds, Siddaramaiah said the State government had submitted a memorandum to the Union government six months ago to release drought relief to bail out farmers, after which the Central team inspected drought-affected regions of the state and submitted a report. "Our ministers N Cheluvarayaswamy, Krishna Byregowda and Priyank Kharge met Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Home Minister Amit Shah for release of drought relief funds, but it yielded no fruit," he said.

Claiming that the RSS trains BJP leaders to lie, Siddaramaiah said, "When asked about drought relief funds, Amit Shah said a blatant lie that the state government had applied three months late. I personally met Prime Minister Narendra Modi on December 19 and Amit Shah on December 20, and requested them to release drought relief funds. Amit Shah assured me that he would hold a meeting on December 23 and ensure the funds were released, but no meeting was convened or funds released. If these dates are false, I am ready to resign immediately."

Karnataka is facing unprecedented drought this year and more than 220 taluks are bearing the brunt, and 33.25 lakh farmers are suffering, but the Central government has not released funds. The State government released Rs 2,000 as input subsidy to farmers, the CM said.

Launching a tirade against PM Modi, Siddaramaiah said retail inflation has made the lives of the poor, OBCs, farmers, Dalits and minorities difficult. Though the price of crude oil is low, prices of petrol, diesel, LPG, fertilisers, cooking oil, foodgrains and pulses have not reduced. The Congress has understood the plight of the common man and implemented five guarantee schemes. Each family is getting a benefit of Rs 4,000 to 6,000 per month and their purchasing power has increased, he added.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah addresses voters at a Congress election rally in Chitradurga on Thursday | EXPRESS

Siddu govt may fall after polls: Shettar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Belagavi

FORMER chief minister **Jagadish Shettar** on Thursday claimed that the state government headed by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah may fall soon after the Lok Sabha elections. "CM Siddaramaiah recently asked his party workers to ensure victory for the Congress in Mysuru, so that he could keep his position intact. It goes on to say that the CM will be losing his seat if the Congress loses in the Mysuru constituency," said Shettar.

At a press conference in Belagavi on Thursday, Shettar said most of the Congress legislators were unhappy with their party leadership, since the CM, DCM and cabinet ministers were not giving them any importance. "It is a clear indication that this government will fall soon after the Lok Sabha election," he claimed.

To further substantiate his statement against the government, Shettar said recently, a Congress MLA issued an open statement that Siddaramaiah would have to resign if the Congress loses the Mysuru seat. He said there was no need for any kind of 'Operation Lotus' to bring this government down, because it would fall on its own.

The Belagavi BJP candidate hit out at the state government for failing to implement the guarantee schemes effectively, and attributed it to the paucity of funds. He said the government was keen on stopping all the guarantees, as it had been unable to implement them as promised.

On the upcoming BJP campaign in the Belagavi Lok Sabha constituency, Shettar said the party leaders in the state have requested several star campaigners to hold rallies in the state, including PM Narendra Modi, UP CM Yogi Adityanath, and Union minister Nitin Gadkari, among others.

The BJP held a BJP-JDS leaders' coordination committee meeting in Belagavi to plan its upcoming campaign in the segment. Shettar said in the meeting that the party's alliance would give a big boost to the BJP.

ELECTION2024

Tumakuru Cong candidate has no liabilities

TUMAKURU: Tumakuru Congress candidate SP Muddahanumegowda, who filed his nomination papers on Thursday, has Rs 9.81 crore worth of assets, including Rs 8.63 crore worth of moveable, and Rs 1.17 crore of immovable properties. But the former judge has no liabilities. Also, he owns no car or jewelry and has no cases against him. The properties he owns include 23.27 acres of agricultural land, which he inherited from his ancestors in Kalkere and Ramenahalli villages in Tumakuru Rural worth Rs 40 lakh.

Smriti to interact with students in B'luru today

BENGALURU: As part of the BJP's strategy of including national leaders for campaigns, Union Minister for Women and Child Development **Smriti Irani** will be interacting with students in Karnataka on Friday, while also meeting people from various sections of society. Smriti was in Wayanad on Thursday, where she was part of a rally following BJP candidate K Surendran's nomination filing. Kerala BJP president Surendran is contesting against Rahul Gandhi. Smriti reached Mangaluru on Thursday night. On Friday, she will interact with students at SSMRV college in Jayanagar, Bengaluru. After this, she will address the Bangalore Political Action Committee (BPAC) in Domlur. She will depart for Chennai from Bengaluru on Saturday.

Dr Manjunath files papers

BENGALURU: BJP candidate of Bengaluru Rural Lok Sabha constituency Dr CN Manjunath filed his nomination papers, after a grand procession, on Thursday. Dr Manjunath has movable assets of Rs 6.98 crore, immovable assets of Rs 36.65 crore, and liabilities of Rs 3.74 crore, while his wife Anusuya Manjunath, who is the daughter of former PM and JDS supremo HD Deve Gowda, has movable assets of Rs 17.36 crore, immovable assets of Rs 35.30 crore, and liabilities of Rs 11.02 crore. There are no criminal cases against Dr Manjunath.

STAYS IN FRAY

KSE returns without meeting Shah, says he has his blessings

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Shivamogga

FORMER deputy chief minister KS Eshwarappa, who is contesting as a rebel candidate from Shivamogga, said he could not meet Union Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi although summoned by the latter.

Eshwarappa will face BJP candidate BY Raghavendra, son of party veteran BS Yediyurappa, in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

Speaking to reporters in Shivamogga after returning from Delhi, Eshwarappa said, "There is no question of withdrawing from the contest. After reaching Delhi, I got a call from his (Shah's) office stating that the meeting would not happen. This means that Shah wants me to contest and defeat Raghavendra."

"Earlier, when Amit Shah called me, I told him why I was contesting the polls. I told him that there was a need to clean up the party and free it from the clutches of BS Yediyurappa and his family. Amit Shah didn't have any answers to the objections I made. So, I think he asked me to return to Shivamogga," said Eshwarappa.

Eshwarappa said he would win from Shivamogga and strive to make Narendra Modi the PM again. Eshwarappa said that he had disobeyed the words of the RSS for the first time and sought an apology.

ELECTION MOOD

BJP supporters from Bengaluru South constituency carry a cut-out of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and march, as they take part in a party rally, in the state capital on Thursday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Sumalatha to officially join BJP today

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Mandya MP **Sumalatha Ambareesh** will officially join the BJP in Bengaluru on Friday.

"Yesterday, I declared that I am giving up my MP ticket this time and will be officially joining the BJP in the best interest of Mandya. Accordingly, in the presence of BJP leaders, I am officially joining the Bharatiya Janata Party on 5 April 2024, at 11:30 AM, at Jagannatha Bhavan, BJP Karnataka State Office, Bengaluru," she posted on X.

Sumalatha said Mandya's comprehensive development has always been her focus and commitment. "As an Independent MP, I have successfully delivered numerous developmental programs and initiatives to further enhance Mandya's footprint on the Viksit Bharat's developmental path," she stated. She sought support from the people of Mandya, fans, and well-wishers of late actor Ambareesh.

She contested from the Mandya LS seat in 2019 as an independent candidate, backed by BJP, and defeated former CM HD Kumaraswamy's son and JDS candidate Nikhil Kumaraswamy. This time, she was trying for the BJP ticket to seek re-election from Mandya. However, as part of the BJP-JDS alliance, the regional party candidates are contesting from three seats, including Mandya. Former CM and JDS leader HD Kumaraswamy filed the nomination from Mandya.

Dalit vote could give Cong a boost in 7 reserved seats

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

A perceptible Dalit consolidation appears to be happening in Karnataka, which could give the Congress an edge in the Lok Sabha elections. Co-chairman of the Congress Campaign Committee former Rajya Sabha MP and Dalit leader L Hanumanthaiah said this consolidation could work in favour of the Congress in the five reserved seats of Gulbarga, Bijapur, Chitradurga, Kolar and Chamarajanagar, and two Scheduled Tribe seats of Raichur and Ballari.

The Dalit vote is not a homogenous monolith chunk, but is divided into the Dalit Left and Right castes, which are further subdivided into more than a hundred castes. There are about 3.5 to 4 lakh votes in each parliamentary constituency.

Explaining the importance of the Dalit vote, Hanumanthaiah said for starters, the Madigas, which are a Dalit caste group, make up between 30,000 and 40,000 voters in more than 100 assembly constituencies.

There have been hurdles, though, for the Dalit unity move, with the recent standoff in Kolar, where Dalit leader KH Muniyappa battled former MLA Ramesh Kumar, a Brahmin. A supporter of Muniyappa, preferring to remain anonymous, said, "They need to hold a unity meeting to ensure all work together for the party. Can't they solve a small problem like this? Muniyappa, a party loyalist, has been badly let down, and this could have an effect on the Dalit community." When contacted, Muniyappa said he prefers not to respond to this.

Asked about the Dalit vote consolidation, former MP H Hanumanthappa disagreed. "I don't see a Dalit consolidation happening. The Dalit vote used to be a solid single vote once upon a time but now it is badly divided on communal and caste lines, and also on sub-caste lines," he said, and referred to the issue in Chitradurga, where there is a standoff between two Dalit BJP leaders.

Said political analyst BS Murthy, "Traditionally, the Dalit Right would vote Congress, and Dalit Left would vote for BJP. Most Dalits are Ambedkarites and adhere to the Ambedkarite thought process. This time, the major chunk of the Dalit vote is expected to go to the Congress. One of the tallest Dalit leaders, Srinivas Prasad, joining the Congress will give it a big boost."

Pulwama BJP's doing for 2019 LS polls: Cong MLA

ENS @ Tumakuru

CONGRESS MLA from Gubbi SR Srinivas, who is also the KSRTC chairman, on Thursday alleged that the BJP government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi orchestrated the Pulwama attack in Jammu and Kashmir to win the 2019 Lok Sabha polls.

Srinivas has been casting aspersions on the ruling party over the Pulwama issue for some time, and he again took the opportunity to defend his statement during a rally held for Congress candidate SP Muddahanume Gowda here.

"During the last elections, they (BJP) orchestrated the Pulwama attack and won the polls by creating a fear psychosis among voters that Pakistan will attack us. This time, they have hatched a plot to win the votes in the name of Lord Ram, as they are inciting the youths in villages to chant 'Jai Sri Ram'," he claimed.

No one caught for attack?

He claimed that no one was being caught and punished for the Pulwama attack.

He further alleged that the BJP continued to juxtapose Muslims and Pakistan for votes. He further claimed that he is not against Lord Ram, as people worship him, but chanting "Jai Sri Ram" will not help fill empty stomachs.

"But the five guarantees of the Siddaramaiah-led Congress government were helping the needy, including women and the youth," he suggested.

Yaduveer should've been elected unanimously, says BJP's Vishwanath

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IN a political maneuver, the Congress strategically engaged with BJP MP V Srinivas Prasad for support in the Mysuru-Kodagu and Chamarajanagar Lok Sabha constituencies. However, BJP countered with its own move, meeting MLC AH Vishwanath, who had been leaning towards Congress, after distancing from the saffron party.

Yaduveer, accompanied by BJP state chief BY Vijayendra and others, approached Vishwanath for support on Wednesday night.

During the interaction, Vishwanath advocated for Yaduveer's unanimous election from the royal family, saying that he should have been elected unanimously without fielding any candidate, adding intrigue to the unfolding political dynamics.

He emphasised Yaduveer's candidacy as representative of democracy and urged for his uncontested election, highlighting the historical contributions of the Yaduvamsa (Wadiyars).

Meanwhile, KPCC working president Tanveer Seth raised questions about Vishwanath's support for Yaduveer, citing the presence of multiple candidates in the election fray.

Sait challenged the idea of an uncontested election, emphasising the democratic process of elections and the need for clarity regarding Vishwanath's party affiliation.

Chickenpox deaths are on the rise in Kerala, with the state recording nine deaths in the first three months of 2024, as compared to just four in 2023. So far this year, around 8,289 cases have been reported in the state

Bhatti: BRS shamelessly tapped phones of judges

TS DCM says party eavesdropped on private conversations

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ACCUSING the previous BRS government of tapping the phones of judges, Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Thursday said that the pink party shamelessly misused the communication network that should be used for the nation's security for its vested interests.

Addressing a press conference at Tukkuguda after reviewing the arrangements for the ensuing 'Jana Jathara' public meeting, Vikramarka said: "They exposed the nation's security to great risk by indiscriminately tapping phones. They stooped to the level of eavesdropping into the private conversations of individuals with their family members, listening and recording the phone calls made by businessmen, bureaucrats and judges, violating all norms and guidelines."

He said that the Congress government would take measures as per the law against those responsible for the damage and trauma, and the looting of various sections of the people. "Can BRS leaders who ruled for ten years not be held responsible for past sins? The state is suffering due to KCR's mistakes," the Deputy Chief Minister said. He said that BRS could not absolve itself of its responsibility for the heinous crime.

Vikramarka recalled that the six guarantees now being implemented in Telangana by the Congress government were announced from the same venue before the 2023 Assembly elections by AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi. Stating that Congress administration did not waste a moment in implementing its six guarantees, Vikramarka said that the state government is also determined to sanction interest-free loans to women's SHGs.

He said that the achievements of the Congress government in the last three months were many, including finalising the plan for rejuvenation of the Musi on the lines of River Thames in London, extension and expansion of Hyderabad Metro rail, providing solutions to Dharani software that left farmers harassed for years with its faulty digitisation of land revenue records.

Vikramarka criticised KCR "for emerging from his slumber of three months and resorting to uttering lies" that there were power cuts in the state. "Previous government used outdated subcritical technology for the Bhadradri thermal power station and set up Yadadri thermal power station at 350 km from coal mines making coal transport economically unviable and hugely burdensome. Gencos and Discoms collapsed under the BRS rule," he said. The deputy chief minister said that the Congress government was dealing with the drug menace with an iron hand.

17-year-old falls from hill in attempt to retrieve phone from monkey

Tirupattur: A 17-year-old polytechnic student of Gudiyatham died on Wednesday night as he slipped and fell from a 150-ft-high cliff while trying to retrieve his mobile phone from a monkey. The incident happened at Kailasagiri Hill at Ambur in Tirupattur district. The deceased, Tharanivel, was the son of Saravanan of Kottamitta village in Gudiyatham taluk. He was a student of Rajagopal Polytechnic College and was staying at his uncle Vadivel's house at Kothur village near Ambur for the past three months. He was taking care of his uncle's children as Vadivel had gone abroad for work, sources said. According to police sources, Tharanivel and his friend Kavinkumar (19) of Kothur village decided to climb up the Kailasagiri hills to visit the Murugan temple located at a height of 800 feet on the hill.

LUCKY SATWIK

Boy had enough O2, was in good position

FIROZ ROZINDAR @ Vijayapura

THE rescue operation of 15-month-old Satwik Mujagond from an open tubewell in Lachyan village of Indi taluk in Vijayapura district has captured the attention of the entire country. Though Satwik survived miraculously, doctors believe that the boy had met all the required factors needed to stay alive even in such a hostile and treacherous situation.

Satwik fell into the tubewell at around 6.15 pm on Wednesday and was pulled out alive after nearly 20 hours by rescue teams. Speaking to *The New Indian Express*, noted paediatricians Dr Mallanagouda Patil and Dr Mujahid Bagwan said that four critical factors could have saved the baby: Sufficient and timely oxygen, the position of the boy after falling into the tubewell, the boy not sustaining any internal injury to the head or ribcage, and finally, completing the rescue operation within 30 hours.

"Miraculously, the baby had met all four factors. When humans fall into deep tubewells that have a limited oxygen supply, they die of asphyxia. Normally, the person can survive for a longer time, even if he or she gets about 21% of oxygen. In the case of Satwik, first, he had not fallen too deep, where he would not get any oxygen. Secondly, the external oxygen supply was started quickly, which helped the boy get adequate oxygen," Dr Patil said.

Dr Bagwan explained that even if the person falls upside down, he or she can still survive if his posture remains straight without any choking and bends in his or her organs, mainly the neck.

Rescue workers rescue the 15-month-old child in Vijayapura on Thursday | EXPRESS

"In the case of the baby, he fell straight with no choking to his neck. This led him to get oxygen to his vital organs, mainly the brain," he said.

Mentioning the third factor, the doctors said that the boy seemed to have not sustained any head injury, which leads to bleeding or breaking of bones, mainly of ribcage which makes breathing extremely difficult and painful.

"The boy seemed to have not sustained any such major injuries. Moreover, a normal human can survive without water and food for at least three days. In the case of a child, if the baby remains healthy and is not suffering from malnourishment, then the baby can survive for a longer time. The fat reserves of the body started covering into food for humans. In the case of this baby, the rescue operations were completed in less than 30 hours, which helped him come out alive," the doctor said.

THE 21-HR SAGA

- 15-month-old Satwik Mujagond falls into an open tubewell at 6:15 pm on Wednesday
- His parents notice it at 6:30 pm
- Authorities informed, rescue operation starts at 7 pm. Supply of oxygen into tubewell begins
- Earthmovers reach the spot at 7:30 pm, digging of parallel trench starts
- SDRF, NDRF teams reach the site late night and early Thursday morning, respectively
- The operation continues till 2 pm on Thursday with a parallel trench of 21 feet
- The rescue personnel faced Basalt rock formation which is very hard to break. This delayed the rescue operation
- Finally, after nearly 21 hours of grueling operation, the boy is rescued

CM, minister appreciate successful ops

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CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah and Industries Minister MB Patil appreciated the efforts of the teams involved in the successful rescue of the boy who fell into the borewell at Lachyana village in Vijayapura district. Patil directed the district administration to conduct a survey in the district to identify borewells that are left open.

There is a provision in the law allowing stringent action against those who leave borewells open. Legal steps will be initiated against those who leave their borewells, he warned.

The CM said the efforts of all those who worked round the clock for the protection of the child are commendable. "I was happy to see that the little boy is back in the arms of his parents and that the wishes of the child's family and millions of people across the country have come true," he said. The CM expressed concern over such incidents and said if tubewells are not closed, they can pose danger.

Congress to reject SDPI support

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FEARING backlash in North India, the Congress state leadership has decided to reject the support extended by the SDPI in the Lok Sabha election. Talking to reporters at Indira Bhavan, Opposition Leader VD Satheesan and party president in-charge MM Hassan informed that they have decided to reject the support of both the majority and minority communalism in the same force. However, Satheesan said an individual can take their call on whom to cast their votes. The SDPI had decided to extend their support to the UDF on Monday. The Congress and the UDF leadership were caught unawares by this move which saw Satheesan claiming they had neither sought nor held talks with the SDPI. It also saw the CPM and BJP taking it up politically against the UDF pushing them to the quandary. BJP state president K Surendran had dragged Rahul Gandhi into the SDPI controversy. He had alleged that the UDF has sought the support of communal outfits in the state, including Wayanad, where Rahul Gandhi is contesting.

The UDF leaders who were huddled in an online meeting decided that apart from creating a dent in the elections at the national level, it would also antagonize their staunch supporters, the Christian vote bank. UDF's key ally, IUML had always been a harsh critic of SDPI and its parent organization, PFI which was banned by the centre. Interestingly, Congress state president K Sudhakaran who is defending his seat in Kannur Lok Sabha constituency had told reporters there on Wednesday that the UDF will accept the support whoever extends to them, including the CPM. But in less than 24 hours, Satheesan and Hassan decided against it.

RUN UP TO POLLS

Workers give finishing touches to publicity materials of a political party in Rajanna Siricilla in Telangana on Thursday

BJD'S SECOND LIST LEADS TO SPATE OF RESIGNATIONS

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EVEN as the political merry go round in Odisha has assumed breakneck speed in the run up to the polls, the ruling BJD on Thursday suffered yet another setback with sitting MLA from Athamallik Ramesh Chandra Sai and former deputy speaker Ram Chandra Panda leaving the regional outfit on Thursday.

Sai, who had won with a margin of over 47,000 votes in the 2019 election from the constituency, was replaced by former Works secretary Nalini Kanta Pradhan. Pradhan had unsuccessfully contested the 2019 Lok Sabha election from Sambalpur.

In his resignation letter to the chief minister and party president Naveen Patnaik, Sai said he served the party for the last five years and wants to quit on personal ground. Sai is the second sitting MLA after Parshuram Dhada of Soro who resigned from the party after announcement of second phase of candidates by the regional outfit.

Panda's resignation came a day after former BJP vice-president Bhrugu Buxipatra was given ticket for the Berhampur Lok Sabha seat hours after he quit the saffron party and joined BJD. Panda targeted the BJD leadership over the issue and stated that it was very disturbing that Buxipatra was given a ticket in this manner.

Panda had joined BJD in 2017 after resigning from BJP. The former deputy speaker alleged that the party had given assurance to field him from the Berhampur Lok Sabha seat, but it did not even consult him while inducting Buxipatra and nominating him from the seat.

In his resignation letter to the party supremo, Panda said he could not meet the CM even after trying for the last 15 days. Panda said he did not get any respect though he discharged all responsibilities given to him by the leadership.

Excise department officials seen along with the liquor that was confiscated from United Breweries in Nanjangud

LIQUOR STOCK NOT ILLEGAL: UBL

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MEANWHILE, a spokesperson of UBL said, "We want to emphasise that all stocks in our Nanjangud unit and consignments meant for other states have necessary permissions. They are not illegal. We are working closely with the regulatory authorities to swiftly resolve this issue and resume normal operations."

KAVITHA'S BAIL PLEA

Witnesses coerced, says ED counsel during hearing

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DURING a bail petition hearing of BRS leader K Kavitha in a New Delhi court on Thursday, special counsel Zoheb Hossain, representing the ED, claimed that witnesses had been coerced by Kavitha to retract their statements, citing her attempt to influence her CA, Arun Pillai, as evidence. In her bail petition, Kavitha claimed that her 16-year-old son has exams and needs his mother's "moral and emotional support"

Zoheb said that the timing of retraction is important in this case. The summons were issued to Kavitha on March 7 which prompted Pillai to file an application on March 9, retracting his statement "under threat or coercion."

"The accused in question is one of the prime movers of giving bribes. She is not only part of arranging kickbacks in advance but also beneficiary through indospirit. I am not relying on statements alone. I have material, WhatsApp documents etc. There are direct proceeds of crime through bank accounts, where she is a beneficiary," the ED's counsel told the judge.

He added that four mobile phones were "completely wiped out" by the accused. "We are (on the) verge of a crucial breakthrough, and any relief at this stage will hamper the investigation. There is influencing of witnesses, there is an attempt to make at least two or three witnesses to retract statements. Out of which one or two people, she has already succeeded. Third person came forward to us and said that she exerted pressure on him. There is an apparent destruction of evidence,' the ED counsel said.

In an application moved on behalf of the BRS leader, advocate Nitesh Rana sought relief for her, claiming that Kavitha had deep roots in society and that she could not be treated as a common criminal or a "gangster". Senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi, who appeared for the BRS leader, claimed that the perspective of a mother is not substitutable by father, sister or brother. Singhvi said, "The woman accused in this case has a child whose exams are admittedly in these months, going onto April. It's not that the child is in arms or is a toddler. He is 16 years old. It's the moral and emotional support of the mother. There is trauma and shock about what has happened and two, there is silence. We have documented databases dealing with the phenomenon. The perspective of a mother is not substitutable by the father or sister or brother. The emotional support of a mother can't be substituted by a 'maasi' also," he told the court.

Rapido completes 100cr rides

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RIDE-sharing aggregator Rapido completed 100 crore rides across 120 cities since its inception in 2015. The company claimed that it has touched the lives of 11 crore Indians with its services with a fleet of 1.4 crore captains, including both male and female riders.

"Rapido has emerged as a platform empowering gig workers, enhancing accessibility and contributing to the nation's progress through innovative mobility solutions," said Pavan Guntupalli, co-founder of Rapido in a press release on Thursday.

"Reaching the 100-crore-ride milestone marks an extraordinary moment in Rapido's journey. From our humble beginnings, where our vision was just a spark, to touching the lives of millions, it's been incredibly fulfilling. As we celebrate this milestone, we're filled with gratitude for the trust our customers and partners have on us. This milestone not only represents the countless lives touched and communities empowered but also underscores our commitment to fostering a 'Viksit Bharat', where every individual has the opportunity to thrive," Guntupalli said.

Our mission extends beyond mere rides; it's about revolutionizing the commute experience, empowering individuals, and driving socioeconomic progress. With each journey, we reaffirm our commitment to making a positive impact, one commute at a time, he added.

CWMA rejects TN demand to release 3.6 tmcft water

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THE CWRC directed Karnataka to maintain the environmental flow in the Cauvery as per the order of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (CWDT) modified by the Supreme Court. Officials from Tamil Nadu demanded that Karnataka release the backlog of Cauvery water. As per the CWDT order, Karnataka has to maintain the environmental flow of 2.5tmcft per month from February. For this, Karnataka released 5tmcft in February and March. However, the flow realised at the Biligundlu gauging station was only around 1.4tmcft in the past two months. Tamil Nadu demanded that Karnataka ensure release of the deficit 3.6tmcft of environment flow as per the CWDT order. "We view the current water crisis in Karnataka's cities is at its peak which has to be addressed first," said TD Sharma, Secretary, CWMA. "The authority endorsed the decision of CWRC and rejected the demand of Tamil Nadu," he added. The CWRC was of the view that available storages in the designated reservoirs in the Cauvery basin of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala are sufficient to meet the drinking water requirement and environmental flow for the remaining period of the current water year (2023-24) and the initial months of the next water year (2024-25).

Karnataka, in its submission, said the water available in four designated storages is around 29.903tmcft which is sufficient for drinking and industrial purposes, and to irrigate the standing crops. "The 'Irrigation Season' ended on January 31, 2024. The 'Irrigation Season' runs from June to January and there is adequate water in the reservoirs of Tamil Nadu to meet its industrial and drinking needs," Vineet Gupta, Chairman of CWRC, said.

JDS went into alliance with the BJP in Lok Sabha election only to teach the Congress a lesson. JDS workers should work overtime to defeat Congress candidates in all the 28 constituencies

HD Deve Gowda, JDS supremo

JDS LEADER PLAYS EMOTIONAL CARD, RAISES DROUGHT AND PLIGHT OF FARMING COMMUNITY

HDK EYES 'AHINDA', APPEALS TO MUSLIMS, DALITS FOR SUPPORT

K SHIVA KUMAR @ Mandya

FORMER Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy, defending the JDS-BJP alliance as a means to strengthen the hands of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and for the development of the state, appealed to minorities and Dalits to take a wise decision.

Knowing well that the consolidation of Ahinda votes was one of the reasons behind his son Nikhil's defeat, Kumaraswamy reached out to Dalits and minorities who are a sizable population, to cut into Ahinda (minorities, Dalits and backward community) votes.

The former CM stepped up his attack in Mandya after filing his nomination papers, playing on emotions by evoking the issue of dried crops and the plight of the farming community in recent years. "The government generously gave water to Tamil Nadu but not to save standing crops. Our hearts burn to see dried sugarcane fields," he said.

Recalling that he had waived farm loans of Rs 25,000 when he was chief minister, Kumaraswamy said the Congress government lacks political will, and asked why they should wait for Central funds to pay drought relief to the affected farmers.

Further defending the alliance with the BJP and thanking Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant for knitting it, he said he would bring funds for irrigation projects and resolve many core issues. He also announced that he would quit if he failed to live up to the aspirations of the farmers and people.

Thanking the people of Mandya for supporting his father HD Deve Gowda's leadership for decades, he listed out his contributions to the district, including sanctioning a medical college, opening an irrigation department office, Escom office, PWD building, colleges and other infrastructure. He said that after banning lottery and arrack, his government could deliver on all fronts, but the incumbent Congress government is debt-ridden and raising loans to deliver their guarantees.

"What is the contribution of the Congress, whose candidates had won all Lok Sabha seats till 1977," he asked. Questioning Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar's contribution to Kanakapura, he flayed the Congress for playing the Vokkaliga card and fielding eight Vokkaliga candidates. He said the people of Mandya will repose faith in him and his party, which is the voice of farmers and the poor, and will not trust the Congress which is spending generously on fighting elections.

BJP leader and former CM BS Yediyurappa, Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant and BJP-JDS alliance candidate HD Kumaraswamy at a public rally in Mandya on Thursday | UDAYASHANKAR S

Cong will fall, double-engine govt will come to power in K'taka: Goa CM

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ATTACKING the Congress in Karnataka, Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant said soon a double-engine government will come to take the state on the path of development.

Swanat, who played a crucial role in stitching the BJP-JDS alliance in Karnataka, said after the Congress came to power in the state, all development works have come to a standstill.

"The Congress with its 'Super CM' and 'Shadow CM' will collapse after the elections and the BJP-JDS alliance will form a form a double-engine government," he said at the BJP-JDS rally in Mandya on Thursday.

Sawant felt that JDS state president HD Kumaraswamy would have been chief minister if the JDS and BJP had entered into a pre-poll alliance during the assembly elections.

Claiming that Goa has been witnessing all-round development after the double-engine government came to power, he said the central government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi introduced several welfare programmes for the poor in the past ten years. "The Congress does politics on caste lines, but the BJP believes in 'vikas' (development). Hence, people have rejected the grand old party as it is not development oriented," he said.

Sawant invited Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for a debate on development, saying Modi's ten-year rule has achieved what the Congress couldn't do in the past 50 years.

Strong BJP-JDS wave across state: BSY

BJP leader and former CM B S Yediyurappa said there is a strong BJP-JDS wave across the state and they will win all 28 seats in the state by defeating the Congress money and muscle power. "People have faith in the development works carried out in the previous government. Kumaraswamy can win from any constituency in the state, but the people wanted him to contest from Mandya and he will win by a margin of 2 lakh votes," he said.

Checks up, drugs worth ₹3.13cr seized

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

ELECTION Commission officials who keep a constant check on illegal activities like cash transactions, liquor sales, distribution of freebies and other items, are adopting a different method to handle cases of drugs and narcotics. To control the menace, officials held a special meeting with narcotics, police and forest department officials.

"In case of liquor and other items, seizures are easy as quantity and volume is high. But with drugs, it is difficult as the quantity is small and value is worth crores of rupees. A different modus operandi is needed. Police teams have started picking up all drug peddlers and intensified raids on them. The list with the police is also being utilised for keeping watch. Checks are being intensified and cases will be on the rise in the coming days," said a source in the Chief Electoral Office (CEO), Karnataka.

Anti-poaching camp teams of the Karnataka forest department have also been roped in for checking, with cross-border movement of poachers and drugs on the rise. Informants in tribal and village networks have also been activated, sources said.

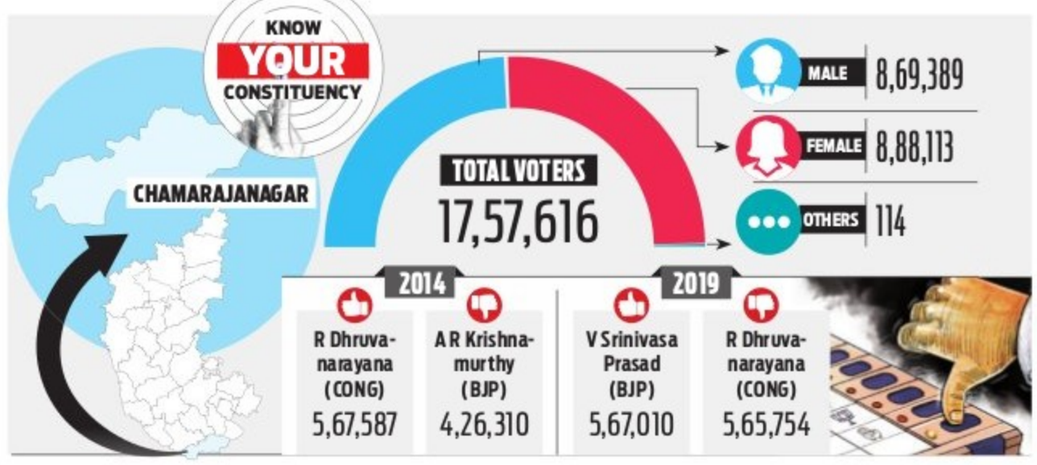
Recollecting a recent seizure of around 100kg of drugs at the railway station by Railway Police, the official said they have roped in all teams, including DRI and GRP.

Compared to the previous Lok Sabha elections, when 138.21kg of drugs were seized, there has been a 911.49% rise in seizures of drugs and narcotics. In just 10 days of announcement of the model code of conduct, EC officials seized 133.68kg of drugs and narcotics worth Rs 88,37,280. Till April 3, 2024, officials have seized 286.91kg of drugs and narcotics worth Rs 3,13,53,210.

EXPRESS READ

We spent over Rs 11 L cr on IT infra: Thakur

Bengaluru: Union Minister for Sports, Youth Services and Information & Broadcasting Anurag Thakur said that the Centre has spent over Rs 11 lakh crore on IT infrastructure this year across the country. Addressing IT professionals on Thursday in Bengaluru, Thakur said last year, they had spent around Rs 10 lakh crore rupees on IT infrastructure across country. This year, they have increased funding by 10%, comparerd with the previous year, on IT infrastructure. He called Prime Minister Narendra Modi as the 'Master of Digital Information (MODI)', "which is helping us make India a developed country". Speaking on IT resources, Thakur said India's IT talent needs to be skilled and reskilled. "The IT sector has given lakhs of jobs and can get millions of funds to the country, which will help us in developing our nation," he said, adding, "We also believe IT stands for 'India tomorrow'." Further, Thakur alleged that between 2009 and 2014, the then UPA government had committed a list of scams. He added that in the last 10 years, there is not even a single corruption allegation against PM Modi or his ministers. ENS



Sunil Bose enters fray — will son rise in Chamarajanagar?

K SHIVA KUMAR @ Mysuru

THE upcoming Lok Sabha election in the Chamarajanagar constituency is a prestigious battle for all political parties, as the Varuna Assembly segment represented by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah falls under this constituency.

Siddaramaiah, who won the 2023 Assembly elections from Varuna, is determined to wrest Chamarajanagar from the BJP. The constituency is represented by BJP's V Srinivasa Prasad in the current Lok Sabha. Srinivasa Prasad has announced his retirement from electoral politics.

The constituency comprises eight Assembly segments—Varuna, H D Kote, Nanjangud, and T Narasipur (all in Mysuru district), and Hanur, Kollegal, Chamarajanagar, and Gundlupet (all in Chamanarajanagar district).

While Varuna is represented by Siddaramaiah in the Assembly, HC Mahadevappa is MLA from T Narasipur, who also is from the Congress. Both the leaders want to prove their metal in their backyard. Mahadevappa is the social welfare minister in the Siddaramaiah Cabinet.

The 2019 General Elections caused much embarrassment to the Congress after the BJP won the Chamarajanagar seat for the first time. Srinivasa Prasad of the BJP defeated the Grand Old Party's R Dhruvanarayana by a margin of 1,817 votes.

Despite having seven Congress MLAs from the eight Assembly segments, the Congress has fielded Minister HC Mahadevappa's son Sunil Bose.

Though Congress veterans such as B Somashekar, former MP Shivanna, and others lobbied to get the ticket, the party that has embraced dynastic politics in several seats picked Mahadevappa's son Sunil Bose, a Youth Congress leader, for the Chamarajanagar seat. Siddaramaiah, knowing that there was no consensus on the candidate, has gone overboard, holding talks with all the legislators and leaders campaigning for two days in support of Bose.

Sunil Bose

Balaraj

Chamarajanagar has remained a Congress stronghold, with the party winning the seat 10 times since 1962. While the Janata Dal won twice (1996 and 1998), the JDU won in 1999, and the JDS and BJP won once in 2004 and 2019, respectively.

If the Congress is depending on the Dalits, Kurubas, OBCs, Minorities, and Uppara voters to clinch the seat, the BJP has rejected dynastic politics by denying ticket to incumbent MP V Srinivasa Prasad's son-in-law Mohan Kumar and fielded former Kollegal MLA, S Balaraj, a surprise candidate.

The BJP is keen to retain the seat and is banking on the dominant Lingayat community, and Nayakas, Vokkaligas, and a sizeable Tamil population. It is also working hard to win over the confidence of Dalits.

Balaraj, known for his simplicity, hails from Kollegal, a Dalit-dominant constituency, and is confident of winning if the BJP cuts into 30% of the Dalit votes.

The saffron party leaders are reaching out to the Adivaisis and the Tamil population, particularly the Gounder community, spread across Kollegal, Hanur, and Chamarajanagar taluks.

Balaraj is also approaching former MP R Dhruvanarayana's followers, who are against the Congress for fielding Mahadevappa's son. The BJP feels that differences and groupism in the Congress and the BSP candidate would be a blessing for the party in the keenly fought constituency.

Meanwhile, the Congress, which launched Constitution awareness rallies across the region, has accused the BJP of trying to change the Constitution. Congress leaders, including ministers Mahadevappa and K Venkatesh, called on Srinivasa Prasad to support Sunil Bose. The Congress leaders in the district are also aware that many of Srinivasa Prasad's supporters returned to the Congress fold to send a strong message to Dalits to rally behind the Grand Old Party. The party also inducted former MLA Bharathi Shankar, who had contested against Siddaramaiah in Varuna, and also accommodated several JDS leaders.

The campaign is likely to gain momentum as the BJP is banking on the charisma of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Lingayat strongman and former CM Yediyurappa, and his son and state BJP chief BY Vijayendra. The JDS, on its part, is appealing to the voters to support NDA candidate Balaraj.

Double take: Star candidates have namesakes in fray

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

IT will be a fight between five Manjunaths and three Sureshs in the Bengaluru Rural Lok Sabha constituency. While all eyes will be on the "prestige battle" between Congress' DK Suresh and BJP's Dr CN Manjunath, others like C Manjunath, N Manjunath, Manjunath K and CN Manjunath as well as S Suresh and MN Suresh have also thrown their hat in the ring and are vying for attention from voters in the constituency.

This, however, is not the story of just one constituency and is not happening for the first time.

In Chikkaballapura, where former minister and BJP leader Dr K Sudhakar is contesting against Raksha Ramaiah of the Congress, there are two other Sudhakars. Both D Sudhkar and K Sudhakar are contesting as independents.

In Udupi-Chikkamagluru constituency, BJP's Kota Shrinivas Poojary has Suresh Poojary and Supreeth Poojary in his company. Similarly, Congress Muddahanumegowda will be fighting for votes against similar-sounding Hanumaiah.

In Bengaluru North where BJP has fielded Union Minister Shobha Kharandlaje, there is an independent candidate called Shobha and a male candidate Shobhan Babu V. Congress candidate Mansoor Ali Khan will also duel it out with independent candidate Mukthar Ali Khan in the constituency.

An independent candidate by the name of Yadurappa has entered the fray from Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha constituency from where the BJP has fielded scion of erstwhile Mysuru royal family Yaduveer Wadiyar.

Interestingly, a person called HD Revanna is contesting from Mandya and Hassan Lok Sabha constituencies where JDS state president HD Kumaraswamy and former Union Minister HD Revanna's son Prajwal are contesting, respectively.

A senior politician said many of them will withdraw from the fray when they are given money. "They might not damage the prospects of the winning candidates, but they will create confusion," he added.

CAMPAIGN BOOST

IT-BT Minister Priyank Kharge greets minister Ramesh Babu who took charge as chairman of KPCC media and communications cell along with Aishwarya M as co-chairman in Bengaluru on Thursday | EXPRESS

Netas make a song and dance of it

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @Ballari

IT'S the season to blow one's own trumpet, and our netas excel at it. After performing some social duties like serving free buttermilk and chilled water to a thirsty public, political leaders have come up with songs featuring themselves and their achievements. The ditties, composed and put to music by their election teams, are paeans to the candidates. They narrate the achievements of leaders, their previous positions and their bond with the people of Ballari, and are going viral on social media.

Like the song on BJP leader B Sriramulu, which turns his political journey into a struggle. "Ballari manninenda eddubanda Anna Sriramulu..." goes the song in Kannada and Telugu, meaning Sriramulu has emerged from struggle in the land of Ballari and became a symbol of development.

The song, which addresses Sriramulu as 'Anna' (big brother) emphasises his victory, and also has some lines on his achievements as health and transport minister.

Not to be left behind, Congress candidate E Tukaram's followers are planning to launch a song hailing their leader. The party has been using existing videos of party songs and has snitched a few notes of trending music frp, popular Kannada films, like KGF. A few years ago, former minister and sitting MLA Janardhana Reddy had composed a song for his daughter's wedding, in which his entire family had taken part.

A BJP leader from Ballari said the songs are catchy and attract the attention of voters. "In the ongoing campaign, songs penned on local leaders is a new trend. The song on our candidate B Sriramulu is part of the promotion. We will also reach out to voters through other mediums," he said.

"Even during the previous election, songs on leaders were composed and went viral, giving them good publicity. The songs are usually launched on social media platforms. As MLA and minister, our candidate Tukaram has done pro-people work which will help him win. He is known as the people's politician, and we are soon launching two songs on this theme," said a Congress leader from Ballari.

Congress, BJP woo voters with social media

DIVYA CUTINHO @Mangaluru

SOCIAL media platforms and messaging apps like Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp as well as social media influencers are emerging as the go-to campaign tools for the Congress and BJP, the main contenders in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections from Dakshina Kannada. Both the parties are aggressively wooing voters through social media by hiring IT professionals and setting up dedicated war rooms.

Sujith, who works closely with BJP candidate Capt Brijesh Chowta, said it is easy to make any content like memes, voice messages and videos go viral and reach out to people.

"We sent out a personalised 'Letter from PM' on WhatsApp and also launched a website where short videos are shared and visitors can pledge to vote for the party. We have also converted his profile to audio format so that it is appealing to people. New voters are active on Instagram and we are sharing content on our candidate there too. WhatsApp also helps us communicate faster," said Sujith.

Sanjith, an IT professional who is part of Congress candidate Padmaraj's campaign team, said they are following some of the campaign strategies used abroad. "We are a core team of eight IT professionals and educationists working for Padmaraj. We studied the election campaigns in America and replicated this here," he said.

I don't need the United Nations to tell me our elections should be free and fair. I have the people of India. The people of India will ensure that elections are free and fair.

Dr S Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister

POLL PULSE

The Union Territory of Ladakh is the largest parliamentary constituency in terms of geographical area, while Lakshadweep is the smallest. The highest number of candidates (185) fought 17th Lok Sabha poll from Nizamabad seat while the lowest (3) was from Tura constituency in Meghalaya. This newspaper takes a look at the highest and lowest numbers from history of polls

CONSTITUENCIES WITH LARGEST GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

DENSITY OF ELECTORS (PER SQKM)	ELECTORS	CONSTITUENCY (STATE)	AREA (SQKM)
1.04	1,79,232	Ladakh (Ladakh (J&K))	1,72,374
35.25	19,41,231	Barmer (Rajasthan)	55,074
42.12	17,44,321	Kachchh (Gujarat)	41,414
8.56	3,39,788	Arunachal East (Arunachal	39,704
11.71	4,63,775	Arunachal West (Arunachal)	39,613
40.02	12,81,462	Mandi (Himachal)	32,017
58.97	18,51,628	Bikaner (Rajasthan)	31,401
48.20	14,79,122	Bastar (Chhattisgarh)	28,614
80.67	19,56,655	Jodhpur (Rajasthan)	24,258
39.10	7,92,464	Mizoram (Mizoram)	20,268

TIMELINE

SEATS WITH HIGHEST & LOWEST NO OF CANDIDATES

■ Maximum no. of candidates ■ Minimum no. of candidates

2019
- Nizamabad (Telangana)-185
- Tura (Meghalaya)-3

2014
- Chennai South (TN) & Varanasi (UP) - 42
- Tura (Meghalaya)- 2

2009
- Chennai South (TN) - 43
- Kokrajhar (Assam) & Nagaland - 3

2004
- Madras South (TN)-35
- Godhra (Gujarat), Tura (Meghalaya), Cuttack (Odisha)- 2

1999
- Gonda (UP)-32
- Banswara (Rajasthan) - 2

1998
- Ongole (Andhra Pradesh)-34
- Anand (Gujarat), Lakshadweep, Satara (Maharashtra) & Nagaland -2

1996
- Nalgonda (Andhra Pradesh)-480
- Lakshadweep-2

1991
- East Delhi-105
- Lakshadweep-2

1996
- Bhiwani (Haryana)-122
- Sri Nagar (J&K)- 1

1984
- East Delhi-42
- Tirupati (AP), Lakshwadeep, Sangli (Maharashtra), Nabrangpur (Odisha), Chidambaram Pollachi, Rasipuram, Tenkasi, Wandiwash (TN), Dum Dum, Durgapur & Katwa (West Bengal)- 2

1998
- Secundrabad (Andhra Pradesh) & Bombay South (Maharashtra)-16
- Laccadive, Minicoy Amindivi Island–1

1971
- Kairana (UP) - 14
- Vijaywada (Andhra Pradesh), Kokrajhar (Assam), Anantnag, Ladakh (J&K) & Nagaland - 1

1967
- Bombay South (Maharashtra) & Moradabad (UP) -14
- Arunachal West (Arunachal Pradesh) & Sikkim-1

1977
- Chandigarh-39
- Sri Nagar (J&K)-1

1980
- Jaipur (Rajasthan)-11
- Tiruchendur (Madras), Angul (Odisha) & Tehri Garhwal (UP) - 1

1962
- Outer Delhi - 13
- Rajahmundry, Vicarabad (Andhra Pradesh), Darrang (Assam), Mandla (Madhya Pradesh) & Hassan (Mysore)-1

1957
- Karnal (Punjab)-14
- Bilaspur (Bilaspur), Yadgir (Hyderabad), Coimbatore (Madras), Rayagada Phulbani (Odisha) & Halar (Saurashtra)-1

1957

POLL OFFICERS TO TREK 39 KM FOR SOLE VOTER IN MALOGAM

On April 18, just ahead of the simultaneous assembly and Lok Sabha elections scheduled for April 19 in Arunachal Pradesh, a group of polling officials will embark on a 39 km trek to reach the secluded Malogam village in Anjaw district. Their mission is to ensure that Sokela Tayang, a 44-year-old woman and the sole voter in the village, has the opportunity to cast her vote.

CONSTITUENCIES WITH SMALLEST GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

CONSTITUENCY	STATE	AREA (sqkm)	ELECTORS	DENSITY OF ELECTORS (per sqkm)
Lakshadweep	Lakshadweep	30	55,189	1,821.84
Mumbai South	Maharashtra	39	15,54,176	39,458.17
Kolkata Uttar	West Bengal	44	1,44,082	32,588.63
Mumbai North Central	Maharashtra	45	16,79,891	36,987.10
Mumbai South Central	Maharashtra	49	14,40,380	29,362.92
Chennai Central	Tamil Nadu	63	13,32,300	21,287.90
Hyderabad	Telangana	66	19,57,931	29,647.33
Mumbai North East	Maharashtra	69	15,88,693	23,173.76
Mumbai North West	Maharashtra	73	17,32,263	23,820.35
Chandni Chowk	Delhi	78	15,62,283	20,157.22

The island constituency

Until 1957, Lakshadweep was part of a parliamentary constituency in Kerala's Malabar district. It was in 1967 that its MP was directly elected, having previously been appointed by the President of India. Its first MP was K Nalla Koya Thangal of INC, who served two terms from 1957 to 1967

Gujarat village's solitary voter

In preparation for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, the Election Commission has established a polling station specifically catering to the solitary voter residing in Banej village of Gujarat's Somnath district. Haridasji, Mahant of the village temple, holds the distinction of being the sole eligible voter in this remote region

(Source: Election Commission of India; Compiled by Jitendra Choubey)

SHIFTING LOYALTIES

Gourav Vallabh slams Cong from BJP camp

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

IN a blow to the Congress, party spokesperson Gourav Vallabh joined the BJP on Thursday hours after he quit the party. Lambasting the party's stand on caste census and Ram temple, Vallabh said that he can neither raise anti-Sanatan slogans nor abuse "wealth creators" day in and day out.

After joining the BJP, he lashed out at the Congress over its economic policies. He said it ridiculed the policies of reforms, liberalisation, and globalisation pursued by former PM Manmohan Singh because they dislike Modi.

Vallabh, seen as an articulate Congress spokesperson, earlier shared his resignation letter written to Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on social media platform X. "Wealth creation cannot be a crime in the country," he said.

Congress leaders and allies raised questions on Sanatan Dharma but the party gave no response... A big gap has emerged in the party in its handling of different issues

Gourav Vallabh

Vallabh said he always pursued issues-based politics and was attracted to Modi's agenda of 'Viksit Bharat.' Attacking the party over its stand on Ram temple, he said he always wanted the construction of Ram temple in Ayodhya and could not accept the Congress' decision to not go to the consecration ceremony. "Congress leaders and allies raised questions on Sanatan Dharma but the party gave no response... A big gap has emerged in the party in its handling of different issues," he said.

"We are all united by the ideology of taking India ahead. I am attracted to the idea of 'Viksit Bharat'. While one ideology works for the eradication of Sanatan Dharma, the BJP is working to conserve it and also develop India," he said.

Earlier in the day, Vallabh had shared his resignation letter to Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on social media platform X. In the letter, he accused the party of losing direction.

"I can neither raise anti-Sanatan slogans nor abuse wealth creators day in and day out. Therefore, I resign from all posts and primary membership of the party," he said.

Former Bihar Congress president Anil Sharma, who also slammed the main opposition party for its alleged anti-Sanatan bias, and RJD leader Upendra Prasad joined the BJP as well in the presence of its national general secretary Vinod Tawde.

Anil Sharma alleged that Congress leaders, including its president Mallikarjun Kharge, Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, suffer from "communal mindset".

While one ideology works for the eradication of Sanatan Dharma, the BJP is working to conserve it and also develop India, he said.

CONSTITUENCY WATCH

CONG, BJP VIE FOR A PIE IN TEA SEAT

Gaurav Gogoi (Congress)

Topon Kumar Gogoi (BJP)

Raj Kumar Duwara (IND)
Arun Chandra Handique (IND)

Jorhat parliamentary seat comprises 10 assembly segments: Sonari, Mahmara, Demow, Sibsagar, Nazira, Majuli, Teok, Jorhat, Mariani and Titabar

These seats are spread across Jorhat, Sivasagar and Majuli districts of upper Assam

VOTE SHARE ■ BJP ■ CONGRESS

2019		2014	
44.1%	51.9%	38%	49%

PARTY POWER

Congress held the seat from 1952-62, 1971-84 and 1991-2014

BJP held the from 2014 till present

Jorhat district has Assam's second highest literacy rate (82.15%). Kamrup (Metropolitan) tops with 88.71%.

Jorhat is a tea seat. Tea garden voters virtually decide fate of candidates

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Jorhat

THOUGH Assam's Jorhat Lok Sabha constituency is set to go to polls on the first phase on April 19, there is no noise on the ground. Poll campaign is invisible — no posters and festoons in towns and rural areas. But saffron flags are galore in urban areas, put up during the recent Ram temple consecration in Ayodhya.

The focus of parties is on this prestigious upper Assam seat ever since Congress's Gaurav Gogoi decided to contest from here. He faces MP and former student leader Topon Kumar Gogoi of BJP. Raj Kumar Duwara and Arun Chandra Handique are two independents in the fray. Barring Duwara, the rest are from the Ahom community that ruled Assam for 600 years. Sivasagar, the capital of the erstwhile Ahom kingdom, falls under Jorhat seat.

For decades, it had been a Congress bastion until BJP won it in 2014. There is a perception that the battle will be between Gaurav and BJP, not Congress versus BJP. The Assamese middle class appears to be titled in Gaurav's favour. This section wants him to fill up Congress's vacuum in upper Assam created by the death of his father, three-time former CM Tarun Gogoi.

Two communities which decide the fate of candidates in Jorhat are Assamese and Adivasis (tea garden workers). People have their grievances against the government.

"We have issues such as flood and erosion, lack of drinking water, roads and other infrastructure in small towns and rural areas. Then, there is the problem of unemployment. I want Gaurav to win. He can raise our issues in parliament," said a voter wishing to be identified by his surname Gogoi.

Amulya Borah, a 93-year-old retired schoolteacher, said he could see in Gaurav the qualities of Hem Barua, an author and former MP (from 1957-70). "We all have seen Gaurav's political acumen. He is young, educated and dynamic," he said.

Some said BJP should win, so pro-poor schemes could continue. "Welfare schemes, such as Ayushman Bharat and free ration, are helping the poor," said Biswajit Chakraborty, a central government employee.

Considering the difference the Adivasi voters can make, the state's BJP-led government came up with welfare and development schemes for the community. The BJP not only hiked the wages of tea workers, it also built schools and roads in their areas. However, people still have their issues.

"Politicians remember us only when there is an election. Is it possible to run a family of four to five people with a daily wage of ₹250? Our ration is also irregular," said Lakhsmi, a tea garden worker. Maheswar Goala from Hunwal tea estate said BJP should be voted for its development initiatives and welfare schemes. However, Pramila Tanti, a colleague of Lakhsmi, said, "Development is fine but government should also take care of the welfare of people like us."

The BJP is using all its might to defeat Gaurav. The Congress said BJP had no idea that it would face a contest in Jorhat.

Gogoi vs Gogoi in dateline Jorhat

QUOTE CORNER

If you help him get a third term as PM by ensuring the BJP's victory in all the five seats, he will make India the third biggest economy

JP Nadda, BJP chief

We do not have money but we have honesty, morality and support of the people

Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, Himachal Pradesh CM

CPM promises to install 'secular' govt at Centre, scrap 'draconian' laws

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

PLEDGING to assist in the establishment of a secular government at the Centre, the CPM, in its manifesto released on Thursday, promised to scrap controversial laws such as the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), along with all 'draconian' laws including the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and the Prevention of Money Laundering Act.

The party also pledged to tax the 'super-rich', double the allocation for MGNREGA, implement reservations in private sector jobs, advocate for state funding of elections, and promptly restore full statehood to Jammu and Kashmir.

In the manifesto, the CPM also vowed to advocate for an unwavering adherence to the principle of separating religion from politics, the State, government and administration. "It will advocate for legislation against hate speech and crimes. The CAA will be repealed," stated the document outlining election promises.

Manifesto highlights

- Adherence to the principle of separating religion from politics, State, government and administration
- Scrap CAA, PMLA
- Tax the super-rich
- Double NREGA allocation
- Reservations in private sector jobs
- Restore full statehood to Jammu and Kashmir
- Governor to be chosen from a panel of 3 eminent persons proposed by the CM

Speaking at the manifesto release, party general secretary Sitaram Yechury appealed to the electorate to defeat the ruling BJP and its allies, and to bolster the strength of the CPM and Left parties in the Lok Sabha to preserve the character of the Republic of India.

"The presence of Left parties and CPM in the Parliament is crucial to ensure that a pro-people policy direction is adopted by the government. The significance of the Left parties and CPM lies in the fact that regardless of parliamentary strength, we set the agenda... I appeal for increasing the strength of CPM in the Parliament and ending the most corrupt government independent India has ever known," Yechury said.

He emphasized that his party is committed to policies aimed at protecting India's economic sovereignty. "Taxation of the super-rich, along with a general wealth tax and an inheritance tax, must be legislated. Workers' rights should be reflected in pro-worker laws replacing the existing labour codes; food security hinges on ensuring the security of Indian farmers through a legal guarantee of MSP according to the Swaminathan Commission recommendations," he added.

EDITORIAL

"The muses' decision to sing is not based on the elevation of your moral purpose—they will sing or not regardless" — John Barth

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— Ramnath Goenka

KEEP POLITICS ASIDE, ADDRESS TAMIL FISHERMEN'S ISSUES

HALF a century after India recognised Sri Lanka's sovereignty over Katchatheevu, a tiny, uninhabited island in Palk Strait between India and Sri Lanka, the BJP has charged that the Congress government at the Centre gave away the island and the DMK, in power in Tamil Nadu at the time, was complicit in the act. The BJP has connected this to the seemingly unending crisis of fishermen from the state allegedly facing attacks from Sri Lankans at sea and, worse, being arrested and imprisoned, with their boats impounded by the island nation's navy for crossing the international maritime boundary.

In Tamil Nadu, the BJP's high-voltage attack has evoked quick responses from both the Congress and DMK, which pointed to a 2015 RTI reply from the ministry of external affairs that said the agreement "did not involve either acquiring or ceding territory belonging to India". While the state's two Dravidian parties have long demanded the island be retrieved, fishermen's representatives have slammed the BJP's campaign and questioned why the party did not make any effort to get the island back during its decade in power.

While it remains to be seen how the issue will impact voters on polling day, it is important for the Union and state governments to bear in mind that emotive rhetoric aside, the fishers of Tamil Nadu have genuine problems that are unrelated to the island. Not only are they regularly crossing the international boundary line, but are, to the dismay of Lankan Tamil fishers trying to rebuild their lives after the war and amid an economic crisis, also engaging in the damaging practice of bottom-trawling that is banned in Sri Lanka. The solution is to switch to deep-sea fishing, which the Union government supports but fishers say is unremunerative given the low subsidies. Aside from losing focus of the key issues plaguing the fishing community, the national party's campaign has also been criticised by foreign policy experts as one that can do harm to the country's international standing. It is time to put aside rhetoric and listen to the fishing community—from Sri Lanka and Tamil Nadu—and take far-sighted, meaningful action to resolve the issues.

TDP SCORES SELF-GOAL ON WARD VOLUNTEERS

POLITICS is so dynamic that one misstep close to the elections could decisively swing the results. Such a situation is playing out at present in Andhra Pradesh, which goes to polls on May 13. The opposition TDP's alliance with the BJP and actor Pawan Kalyan's Jana Sena is seen as a step in the right direction, notwithstanding the inherent problems. But even before the trio could pacify discontented leaders among their ranks, they have scored what seems to be a self-goal. The TDP has been against the system of ward and village volunteers—introduced by the YSRC government to ensure doorstep delivery of government schemes—as it saw them as foot soldiers of the ruling party. Currently, there are about 2.6 lakh such volunteers.

The Jana Sena had earlier levelled serious allegations against the volunteers, going so far as to claim they could be responsible for the trafficking of women. Against this backdrop, Citizens of Democracy, a forum of intellectuals perceived to be sympathetic to the TDP, moved the high court arguing that the volunteers were influencing voters. The issue ended with the Election Commission, acting on the court's directives, prohibiting the deployment of volunteers. If we look at the issue objectively, there is merit in the fears that the volunteers could influence voters. However, politics being politics, it requires deft handling—particularly when the TDP knows the system has made the lives of rural people, especially the elderly, comfortable. At first it was against the system itself, and following a backlash to Kalyan's remarks, changed its stance to clarify that it is not against the system *per se*, only its politicisation.

Disbursal of pensions began at local secretariats, not people's doorsteps, the other day and visuals of the elderly waiting in queues in the searing weather were all over the place. The YSRC was quick to point fingers at the TDP, which is now desperately assuring it is not against the volunteers. The opposition party has also sought to blame the YSRC, claiming the queues could have been avoided. But the people bearing the brunt of this political slugfest would not go into the merits of the arguments. For them, it is ease of living that has been disturbed. Given that there are over 60 lakh social security pensioners, the fallout could be difficult to manage. If the alliance loses in the assembly polls, one could look at this moment as being the turning point.

QUICK TAKE

HAPPIER HERDS & FEWER CONFLICTS

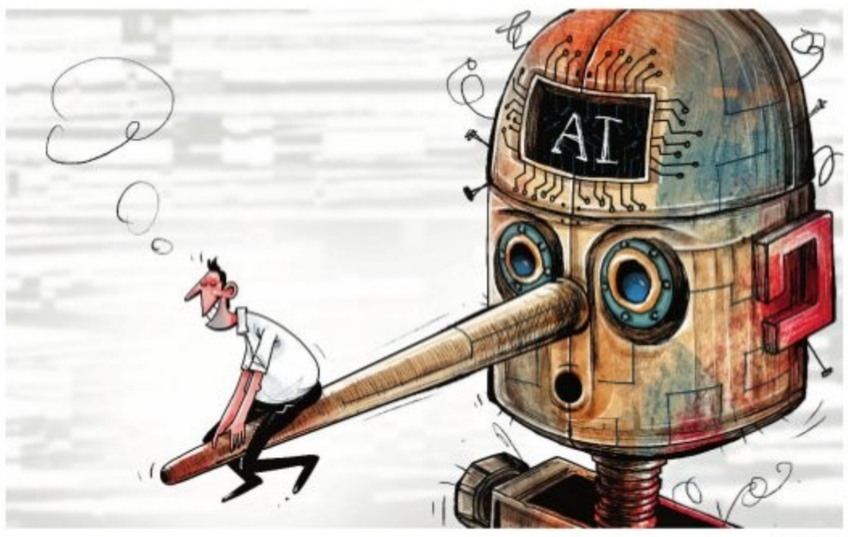
IT took a decade of legal wrangling to take down a 2.2-km fence in Assam. Conservationists rejoiced when Numaligarh Refinery recently started demolishing the contentious wall bordering its township and golf course that was standing in the way of an old elephant corridor. Cutting off migratory animals from their trails boxes them into tight pockets and makes them restive. The removal of barbed fences near Botswana's Okavango panhandle, which had been erected to restrict disease-carrying animals, reaped results in reduced man-animal conflicts and healthier herds. Some European countries have set up 'animal bridges' across highways. India, which is fighting to keep down animal conflicts, should heed these examples.

By allowing the mass production of customised realities, generative AI makes electoral systems vulnerable. Democracies can learn from Taiwan and EU in addressing the threat

DEMOCRATISATION OF DECEPTION IN YEAR OF ELECTIONS

MANISH TEWARI

Lawyer, MP and former I&B minister



SOURAV ROY

OVER four billion—that's the staggering number of individuals around the world who would be eligible to vote in 2024, a year brimming with elections. Traditionally, such widespread participation would be a democratic triumph. Yet, a dark cloud hangs over this year's pivotal contests—the chilling vulnerability of democracies in the age of artificial intelligence (AI).

The vulnerabilities? Not relics of the past. Outdated voter registration systems, electronic voting machines and election management software—these are the gaping holes waiting to be exploited. But the threats have evolved. Social media, as we know, shattered the gatekeepers of information. Anyone could publish, dissemination costs plummeted. Generative AI takes this a step further. It's not just dissemination that's near-free; content creation itself approaches zero cost. Sophisticated content, once the domain of specialists, can be churned out with frightening ease. This is the second shift—the democratisation of deception, with profound implications for our information landscape.

The ever-prescient Jonathan Swift wrote, "Falsehood flies, and Truth comes limping after it." Academics seem to have proven this with social media; people are more likely to share falsehoods, perhaps for their novelty or surprise. AI has the potential to supercharge the problem, making content production and propagation automatic, faster and easier. Researchers at Indiana University revealed a botnet of over 1,100 Twitter accounts seemingly operated using ChatGPT in July last year.

AI's reach extends beyond visuals. It can churn out mountains of synthetic text, fabricate articles, and create a seemingly endless army of fake social media accounts. This is now a world where political discourse isn't a clash of ideas but a cacophony of bots parroting lies to each other.

AI can also effortlessly generate event-based media. Days before a Taiwanese election, every phone buzzed with an air-raid alert triggered by a Chinese satellite. Within 24 hours, Taiwan AI labs observed over 1,500 coordinated social media posts promoting conspiracy theories about the alert, sowing distrust. As many as five posts appeared per minute, many more readable than the typical mill fare.

The decentralised online landscape compounds the danger. Users are migrating from monolithic platforms like Facebook to federated social media networks like Mastodon. While fragmentation offers advantages, it creates breeding grounds for misinformation. Each new platform becomes a new frontier for manipulation, making content policing more daunting.

But the most dangerous fear is its ability to become intimate with users. In the age of digital loneliness, the biggest trump card for generative AI is it promises to act as advocate and butler. Unlike your search engine, email or cloud storage, AI requires a level of intimacy that goes beyond utility. Imagine a constant companion, working tirelessly in your 'best interests'.

Imagine AI-powered chatbots forging intimate relationships with unsuspecting individuals, subtly shaping their political views. Loneliness, a growing social epidemic, could be exploited to turn individuals into unwitting pawns. Disinformation wouldn't just be broadcast; it would masquerade as friendship. Hannah Arendt, writing on totalitarianism, described loneliness as a permanent state cultivated by isolation and terror. Totalitarian regimes used this to create a fertile ground for ideological propaganda. During the 2020 US election, the Internet Research Agency linked to the Russian government reached out to targets like Black Lives Matter activists to offer online support and funding.

Truth has always been contested, but AI allows for the mass production of customised realities. Distinguishing fact from fiction becomes an uphill battle when falsehoods are tailored to resonate with individual biases and anxieties. It's not just about fighting fake news; it's about combating the erosion of a shared understanding of reality itself.

So how do we fortify our democracies? Lessons can be learned from Taiwan. Recognising their vulnerability to Chinese interference, Taiwan adopted a 'pre-bunking' strategy. They openly discussed the potential for deepfakes and educated public on how to identify them. By pre-bunking before deepfakes fell into the wrong hands, they inoculated the public. Taiwan's president even filmed himself being deepfaked to demonstrate the ease of manipulation. Pre-bunking takes time, and Taiwan's repeated messaging throughout 2022 and 2023 yielded results. By 2024, when deepfakes did appear, they had minimal effect due to the public's built-up "antibodies".

The second challenge is transparency in training data used for generative AI systems. Access to this is crucial for effective defence. Legislation like the EU's Digital Services Act and AI Act, the UK's Online Safety Act, and India's Digital Personal Data Protection Act—all intended to regulate AI—will come into effect after the elections, after significant damage is done.

If the internet was the most audacious experiment in anarchy and succeeded beyond the wildest imagination of its progenitors, the US's Defense Advanced Research Project Agency, AI is the new frontier as far as tech dominance over the human species is concerned. This is not to argue that the human race should be petrified of the innovation; every technological advance has different implications. Through the use of AI's large language models, a vigorous attempt is being undertaken to replicate the human brain, perhaps the most complex organ among the millions of species that inhabit Earth.

The call for universally agreed rules of engagement across global tech space is growing louder by the minute. There must be a set of common principles that undergirds country-specific legislation. The EU's AI Act provides guidance in the principles that form the substratum of that legislation. They address the risks created by AI applications, prohibit practices that pose undesirable risks, define a list of high-risk applications, set clear imperatives for AI systems for high-risk applications, define the obligations of those who provide high-risk AI applications, require compliance assessment before a given AI system is put into service, and establish a governance structure at European and national levels.

Finally, the fight against AI manipulation cannot be shouldered solely by governments and tech companies. The role of civil society organisations and independent fact-checking would be crucial, too.

However, the moot question is: would it be enough given the way AI is mutating?

(Views are personal)

NIGGLES BEHIND THE FALLING CURRENT ACCOUNT DEFICIT

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THE recent report of a significant decline in India's current account deficit (CAD) has brought much relief regarding the nation's macroeconomic fundamentals, especially concerning the external sector. India's CAD has fallen sharply from 2 percent of the gross domestic product (GDP) in October-December 2022-23, to 1.3 percent in July-September 2023-24, and further down to 1.2 percent in October-December 2023-24.

The CAD and current account balance, though not variables that monetary policy authorities or the government explicitly use to influence the economy, are crucial indicators for measuring the external balance of a country. In India, the fixation on CAD can also be attributed to the perceived impact it might have on the rupee-dollar exchange rate. A rising CAD is associated with the spectre of depreciation and costly macroeconomic adjustments.

What accounts for the falling CAD and is it time for India to rejoice for managing the external sector well? The current account, simply put, refers to the transactions that residents of India have with those of the rest of the world in terms of goods, services and incomes. These transactions encompass not only exports of gems and jewellery and import of oil and gold, but also include amounts spent by Indian tourists abroad, software service exports, and other service-related transactions. The current account also comprises investment income payments and remittances of Indians living abroad.

The trade deficit on account of goods has marginally increased by 0.4 percent year-on-year between Q3 2022-23 and Q3 2023-24. However, a closer examination of the data for 2023-24 reveals less encouraging figures. The trade deficit has surged by 26 percent between Q1 2023-24 and Q3 2023-24. Another critical component of the current account is the outgo on the primary income account, which has worsened by about 4 percent year-on-year between Q3 2022-23 and Q3 2023-24, but by 27 percent between Q1 2023-24 and Q3 2023-24.

A meticulous analysis of the trade deficit for 2023-24 unveils significant trends about imports of goods. Firstly, imports of both oil and non-oil have gone up between Q1 2023-24 and Q3 2023-24, driving an overall increase in goods imports. Secondly, the proportion of oil to total imports in each quarter has remained at approximately 26 percent. Thirdly, non-oil imports are nearly 2.8 times the oil imports in 2023-24.

Further dissecting non-oil imports over the past years (since granular data for 2023-24 is unavailable) from 2018-19 to 2022-23 reveals a steep increase in the imports of certain goods. Thus, imports of vegetable oil surged by 110 percent, fertilisers, crude and manufactured goods by 130 percent, and electronic goods by 34 percent, while gold imports—often vilified for India's Balance of Payment woes—experienced only a 6 percent increase over the period.

AFP

> It's comforting that India's current account deficit has come down for five straight quarters. But private outbound transfers zoomed 84% in the four years to 2022-23. We must remember that rising debt repayment and falling remittances cued in the 1991 balance of payment crisis

It is the rising exports of software, business and travel services, and other service exports, that have grown by 5.2 percent on a year-on-year basis, which have helped bridge the gap caused by the trade deficit. Such service balance (net services) has surged by a substantial 28 percent between Q1 2023-24 and Q3 2023-24.

However, the payments toward imports of services reveal another intriguing detail. Payments toward the service item labelled "other personal, cultural, and recreational services" have ballooned by 284 percent, from $94 million in 2018-19 to $362 million in 2022-23. Ensuring expenditures on marriages are made within India could significantly reduce these substantial payments and outflow of precious dollars, besides saving on the travel item as well.

Another cushion available for the current account balance has been private remittances by Indians working overseas. These remittances have grown by 2.1 percent on a year-on-year basis in Q3 2023-24, but by over 16 percent in 2023-24.

An intriguing revelation stemming from a granular analysis of payments related to invisibles is that private transfers from India have skyrocketed by 84 percent over the period from 2018-19 to 2022-23, surging from $5,795 million to $10,689 million.

Thus, while the reduction in the CAD itself may give us much-needed solace from a persistently high CAD, especially in the wake of the global financial crisis, it is important to understand how individual items of the current account balance are moving, and the quality of the CAD itself, besides sustainability of such a reduction. As the adage goes, the devil lies in the details, and a more nuanced understanding may be required to ensure a more sustainable and robust current account balance.

Policy makers must heed the shifting significance of items contributing to the new trade deficit. Could industries that dominate the list of new chartbuster imports be prioritised for substantial support/push through policy measures? Moreover, could established, large industries collaborate with India's vibrant startup ecosystem to foster innovation aimed at developing import substitutes? Simultaneously, the escalating trend of service payments by Indians to non-residents would necessitate a different outlook.

It would be beneficial to examine history and recognise India's external payment crisis in 1991 primarily stemmed from an adverse invisibles balance, driven by a significant increase in investment income payments (debt servicing) and a decline in remittance receipts. While India has come a long way since, a cautious approach towards external sector management would continue to be the most advisable strategy.

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Quiet contributions

Ref: *Manmohan Singh, a helmsman of the post-Nehruvian era* (Apr 4). Former PM Manmohan Singh always contributed more than his quietude suggested. As PM Narendra Modi commented, Manmohan Singh was so duty-bound that he attended parliament in a wheelchair. It was thanks to his far-sighted policies that our economy did not collapse along with many others during a recession.

M Haneef, Kottayam

Wrong party

Manmohan Singh couldn't do his bit well in his post because he had to dance to the tunes of his own party. He was the right man in the wrong party. That he couldn't prevent the 2G scam, the main reason for his government's downfall, is a case in point.

S Ramakrishnasayee, Chennai

Karnataka leads

Ref: *Follow Karnataka in shift to e-mobility* (Apr 4). Karnataka's moves on EV adoption are an admirable example for other states. EVs require less maintenance, which could save us more in the long run. People must start shifting to EVs rather than fossil-fuel vehicles.

Aditya Kamble, Kalaburagi

Commercial viability

Ref: *Reverberations from an unequal music* (Apr 4). One of T M Krishna's concerns was the lack of access for the non-Brahmin community to Carnatic music. Did members of other communities find it tough to enter this domain or did many of them not pursue it as it was not seen as remunerative? How many light music singers, Brahmins included, would opt for a career in Carnatic music when they have an opportunity to earn substantially more in their field?

R Kailasnath, email

Raking history

Katchatheevu is a 50-year-old story. Those involved in the decision to hand it over to Sri Lanka are dead and cannot defend their action. Raking up the issue now exposes the bankruptcy of mind. Besides, such insinuations have the potential to affect our relationship with a friendly neighbour.

Raju Mathai, Kochi

Third term

During Modi's first time as PM, common citizens like me underwent a lot of struggle due to demonetisation. The second time, we can't forget the trouble caused to farmers as well as the unnecessary differences created by the NRC and CAA. If Modi comes back with a majority once more, I foresee India facing an elected autocracy.

T Kailash Ditya, Hyderabad

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POSTS OF THE DAY

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Legalisation of mega corruption created the highway for money laundering through shell companies and tax evasion. All these violate the PMLA. Why is ED not acting?

Jagat Prakash Nadda @JPNadda
BJP is the only party which takes its grassroots workers to the highest peak of power through democratic means.

Mehbooba Mufti @MehboobaMufti
Distressed to hear about bakerwal families attacked by hooligans in Udhampur. Request the police to take strict action against them.

OATH TAKEN

Sonia among 14 MPs enter Upper House

Former Congress president Sonia Gandhi and Railway minister Ashwini Vaishnaw were among the 14 who took oath as members of the Rajya Sabha on Thursday. Vice-President and Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar administered the oath to them in the new Parliament house building. Having completed 25 years in the Lok Sabha, Sonia Gandhi started her fresh innings in the Rajya Sabha after she took oath as a member of the Upper House. | PTI

Surjewala's Hema Malini remarks 'vile, sexist': BJP

Cong leader defends self, says bid to deflect attention from 'real issues'

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REMARKS by Haryana Congress leader Randeep Surjewala against **Hema Malini**, the BJP candidate from UP's Mathura, raised a storm on Thursday with BJP terming them "vile, sexist and misogynistic" and Surjewala calling the video shared by the BJP's IT cell as edited, shared to divert attention from the Modi government's policies and actions.

On her part, the actor who is a third-time party candidate from Mathura said Congress should learn how to respect women from PM Narendra Modi. After filing her nomination papers, the BJP MP said Congress leaders have targeted popular persons "because targeting unpopular ones won't do them any good."

BJP's IT cell chief Amit Malviya shared the purported video in which Surjewala was heard making the sexist comment. "The remark is the most

disgusting description someone can come up with. Just the other day, Surjewala's colleague was asking 'rate' of another BJP woman leader, and now this...This is Rahul Gandhi's Congress. It is misogynistic and abhors women," Malviya said.

Union minister for information and broadcasting Anurag Singh Thakur said it had become a habit of the Congress to insult women. "Rahul Gandhi wants to fight with Shakti. Earlier, a Congress spokesperson made a very indecent comment against BJP candidate Kangana (Ranuat) ji. And today again a leader of Congress has given such a cheap statement against Hema Malini ji which we and you cannot even say here," he said in his condemnation.

Surjewala sought to defend himself. "The BJP's IT Cell has developed a habit of editing, distorting and spreading fake news so that it can distract the country from the Modi government's anti-youth, anti-farmer, anti-poor policies and failures, besides its conspiracy to destroy the Constitution of India. Listen to the full video. I said, we also respect Hema Malini a lot because she is married to Dharmendra and is our daughter-in-law," said Surjewala.

This is a structured mindset of the Congress party regarding the dignity of women. Hema Malini is of the age of Sonia Gandhi, she is a symbol of self-made women in post-independence India

Shaina NC, BJP leader

CBSE to tweak Class XI and XII exams, focus on application of concepts

EXPRESS NEW SERVICE @New Delhi

THE Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) examinations for Classes 11 and 12 will see a slew of changes from the 2024-25 academic session. The format will now be based on more competency-based questions that assess the application of concepts in real-life situations, according to board officials.

The competency-focused questions would be in the form of multiple choice, case-based, or source-based integrated questions. While the percentage of such questions has been increased from 40 to 50 per cent, the percentage of constructed response questions, including short and long answers, has been reduced from 40 to 30 per cent.

"The board, in accordance with National Education Policy, 2020, has taken multiple steps towards implementation of Competency-Based Education in schools, ranging from aligning assessment to competencies, development of exemplar resources for teachers and students, as well as continuous capacity building of teachers," said Joseph Emanuel, Director (Academics), CBSE.

"The main emphasis of the board was to create an educational ecosystem that would move away from rote memorisation and towards learning that is focused on developing the creative, critical and systems thinking capacities of students to meet the challenges of the 21st century," Emanuel added.

Emanuel said the board is continuing to align the assessments and evaluation practices with NEP-2020 for the academic session 2024-2025. "Consequently, in the forthcoming session, the percentage of competency-based questions that assess application of concepts in real-life situations included in the question papers of the board has been altered," the CBSE academics director said.

However, there is no change in the examination format for Classes 9 and 10.

To boost critical thinking

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Hope beckons as 1st homegrown cell therapy for cancer treatment launched

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @New Delhi

PRESIDENT Droupadi Murmu on Thursday launched India's first indigenously-developed CAR T-cell therapy for cancer treatment and described it as a "major breakthrough" that will give a new hope for humankind in the battle against the disease. NexCAR19 CAR T-cell therapy is the country's first 'Made in India' cell therapy, which will significantly lower the cost of cancer treatment.

"This therapy is also an example of the Make in India initiative and speaks volumes about Indian scientists and physicians," Murmu said.

Developed by the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay and the Tata Memorial Centre, this gene-based therapy will help cure different types of cancer. "The launch of India's first gene therapy is a major breakthrough in our battle against cancer. As this line of treatment is accessible and affordable, it provides a new hope for the whole of humankind," she said.

India reported more than 14 lakh new cancer cases and over 9 lakh deaths due to the disease in 2022, and breast cancer was the most common among women, according to the World Health Organization (WHO).

Breast and cervix cancers were the most frequent ones among Indian women, making up close to 27 and 18 per cent of the new cases. Among men cancers of lip, oral cavity, and lung were the most common ones, accounting for 15.6 and 8.5 per cent of the new cases, said the recent report by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), the cancer arm of WHO.

Dedication of first indigenous CAR-T Cell Therapy to the Nation
Chief Guest:
Smt. Droupadi Murmu
Hon'ble President of India

President Droupadi Murmu with Maharashtra Governor Ramesh Bais and IIT Bombay Director Subhasis Chaudhuri during the launch of CAR-T cell therapy in Mumbai | PTI

The Director of the Tata Memorial Centre, Sudeep Gupta, said the CAR T-cell therapy is an enormously expensive treatment that is out of the reach of an overwhelming majority of people.

"NexCAR19 has been rolled out at approximately one-tenth of the price at which it is available outside India," he said.

IIT Bombay Director Prof Subhasis Chaudhuri said the treatment costs approximately Rs 4 crore abroad.

The low-cost CAR T-cell therapy is a huge achievement for our country and cancer patients in India, and it places India firmly on the global map of cell and gene therapy, he said.

Gupta said the creation and rollout of NexCAR19 is a historic milestone in the field of cancer care and genetic engineering.

"This treatment is not only a scientific achievement of the highest order but also has immense practical application. NexCAR19 will save many, many lives and wipe many, many tears," he added. It is calculated that the number of people alive within 5 years following a cancer diagnosis was nearly 32.6 lakhs in India.

Advisory issued to wheat farmers to protect crop from heatwave conditions

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

THE government has issued an advisory to wheat farmers to safeguard their crops against rising temperatures and the increased possibility of heat wave conditions.

In this advisory, farmers are urged to maintain a moisture level of 12-13% in wheat during harvest and apply light irrigation if temperatures exceed normal levels.

The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has reported that maximum temperatures are expected to gradually increase by 2-3°C across many parts of the country, particularly in North India, and along the East and West coasts.

The Indian Institute of Wheat & Barley Research (ICAR-IIWBR) recommends that farmers in central and peninsular India ensure proper moisture content (12-13%) at harvest and undertake necessary cleaning for safe storage. Farmers in the northeast and northwest regions are advised to provide light irrigation as needed to maintain adequate soil moisture for crop maturity.

Dr. Gyanendra Singh, Director of ICAR-IIWBR, suggests that if the maximum temperature exceeds 37°C, farmers can spray 0.2 per cent Muriate of Potash or 2 per cent Potassium Nitrate mixed with 200 litres of water per acre during the post-anthesis stage of wheat to prevent crop desiccation and mitigate heat stress.

Additionally, farmers in hilly areas are advised to monitor wheat crops for diseases such as yellow rust or brown rust and apply pesticides such as Propiconazole 25EC. For this, one milliliter of chemical should be mixed with one liter of water, and 200 milliliters of fungicide mixed with 200 liters of water should be sprayed per acre of wheat crop.

The advisory emphasizes that only light irrigation should be applied to late-sown crops, and irrigation should be stopped 8-10 days before harvesting.

However, despite these challenges, the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare has estimated wheat production to be 112.02 million tonnes (MT), which is about 1.46 MT more than last year, attributed to a 1.21% increase in the area sown compared to last year.

SC sets aside cancellation of BJP MP's caste cert

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY
@New Delhi

IN a significant relief to Navneet Rana, the sitting Amaravati MP from Maharashtra, the Supreme Court reversed a 2021 Bombay High Court judgment on Thursday that had cancelled Rana's Scheduled Caste (SC) certificate of "Mochi," deeming it forged.

A two-judge bench led by Justice JK Maheshwari and comprising Justice Sanjay Karol, passed the verdict after hearing Rana's appeal. Rana had moved the apex court by filing an appeal and challenged the Bombay HC's June 2021 judgment cancelling her caste certificate on grounds of it being fraudulently obtained.

The Bombay HC had cancelled and confiscated her caste certificate, prompting her to approach the apex court.

Rana recently joined the BJP and will contest the 2024 upcoming general polls, as she is the party's choice for the same seat (Amaravati), which is a reserved category constituency.

Coincidentally, Rana is expected to file her nomination papers today as a BJP candidate from the Amaravati constituency for the upcoming 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

Setting aside the Bombay HC verdict, the SC stated, "In the instant case, the Scrutiny Committee duly considered the documents before it and passed its decision complying with principles of natural justice. In light of the discussion and the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case, the instant appeals stand allowed, and the High Court order is set aside."

ALSO IN TOP COURT

'Abide by order on use of poll symbol'

The Supreme Court asked the rival NCP factions led by party founder Sharad Pawar and Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar to abide by its directions on the use of symbols, party names and disclaimers in publicity for the elections.

Nariman always spoke for what was right: CJI

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @New Delhi

EMINENT jurist **Fali S Nariman** never minced words when he critiqued judgments and was always willing to speak for what was right and just, Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud said on Thursday, paying homage to him.

Speaking at a full-court reference held at the Supreme Court in honour of Nariman, who died on February 21, the CJI said his mental agility, dedication to work and commitment to the law remained uncompromised till the day he finally rested. "Nariman embodied unparalleled virtues throughout his illustrious career. His tallness would be impossible to forget," he said

"His remarkable persona and his contributions, underscoring his unwavering moral principles, invincible bravery, and absolute dedication to his values. These attributes, not only contribute significantly to the realm of law but also offered comfort and guidance to the entire nation," the CJI said.

"Grand old men only die, but never fade away," the CJI said, paying tribute to the veteran lawyer, considered the "Bhishma Pitamah" of the Indian judiciary.

Chandrachud said Nariman's life and career before courts lived up to the highest ideals of the legal profession, and he was a mentor to many lawyers and judges.

Strategic deterrence: Night launch of N-capable Agni Prime successful

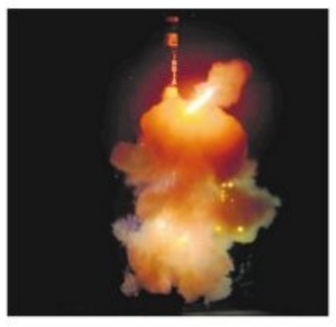
MAYANK SINGH @New Delhi

India has successfully carried out a night launch of new generation nuclear capable ballistic missile 'Agni Prime', boosting the country's strategic deterrence capability. The flight-test was carried out at APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha.

The Strategic Forces Command, along with Defence Research and Development Organisation, conducted the test around 7pm on April 3, said the Ministry of Defence on Thursday. The SFC is meant for command & control and deployment of India's nuclear assets under the Triad of the Army, Navy and the Air Force.

The test met all trial objectives validating its reliable performance, as confirmed from data captured by a number of range sensors deployed at different locations, including two downrange ships placed at the terminal point.

The launch was witnessed by the Chief of Defence Staff,



Chief of Strategic Forces Command and senior officials from DRDO and the Indian Army.

The first pre-induction flight was a night launch conducted in June last year after three successful developmental trials of the missile, validating the accuracy and reliability of the system. Range instrumentation like radar, telemetry and electro-optical tracking systems were deployed at different locations, including two downrange ships, at the terminal point to capture flight data covering the entire trajectory of the vehicle.

The second test was completed in December which led to proven reliable performance of all the advanced technologies integrated into the system.

'Agni Prime' is a two-stage canisterized solid propellant nuclear-capable ballistic missile equipped with a dual redundant navigation and guidance system. The canister mode assembly of the missiles facilitates rapid deployment, storage and mobility. The missile has a range capability of 1,000-2,000 km and represents an advanced variant of the Agni class of missiles.

Missile covers a range of 2,000km

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Bhopal	37	24	Panaji	32	26
Jaipur	36	23	Patna	40	26
Amritsar	33	17	Lucknow	37	23
Chennai	35	27	Port Blair	33	25
Kolkata	40	27	Imphal	31	19
Srinagar	21	07	Chandigarh	34	18

TRIBAL VOTE KEY IN 3 HINDI HEARTLAND STATES

In MP, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan, the marginalised community will play a crucial role in bipolar contest between BJP & Cong

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

WITH only a fortnight to go for the first phase of the 2024 Lok sabha elections, all eyes are on some of the key Hindi heartland states where tribal votes will play a decisive role in the bipolar contest between the BJP and the Congress. While the BJP is upbeat after the recent assembly elections in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, where the consolidation of tribal votes helped it sweep the states, the Congress is trying to reverse its fortunes.

Political observers say that the battle for the 47 Lok Sabha constituencies reserved for Scheduled Tribes (STs) will only get bigger in the run-up to the election with parties vying for their share of the pie. However, statistics show that over the years, the BJP has successfully made inroads into the tribal vote banks, which traditionally stayed with the Congress for long. From 13 seats in 2009 to 27 in 2014, the BJP's tally went up to 31 in 2019 in the ST reserved seats. In comparison, the Congress tally dipped to five seats in 2014 from 20 in 2009. In 2019, the Congress managed to get only four seats of the 47 reserved seats.

The stunning victory of the BJP in the recent Assembly polls has been attributed to the Modi government's long-term strategy of wooing the community with outreach efforts, from announcing welfare measures to identifying aspirational districts for the tribal belts. Analysts say that a victory in MP, Rajasthan, and Chhattisgarh is crucial for both the Congress and the BJP as the states account for nearly 31% of the tribal population in the country. While MP has 21.1% of ST population, Chhattisgarh nearly 30.6% and Rajasthan13.49%.

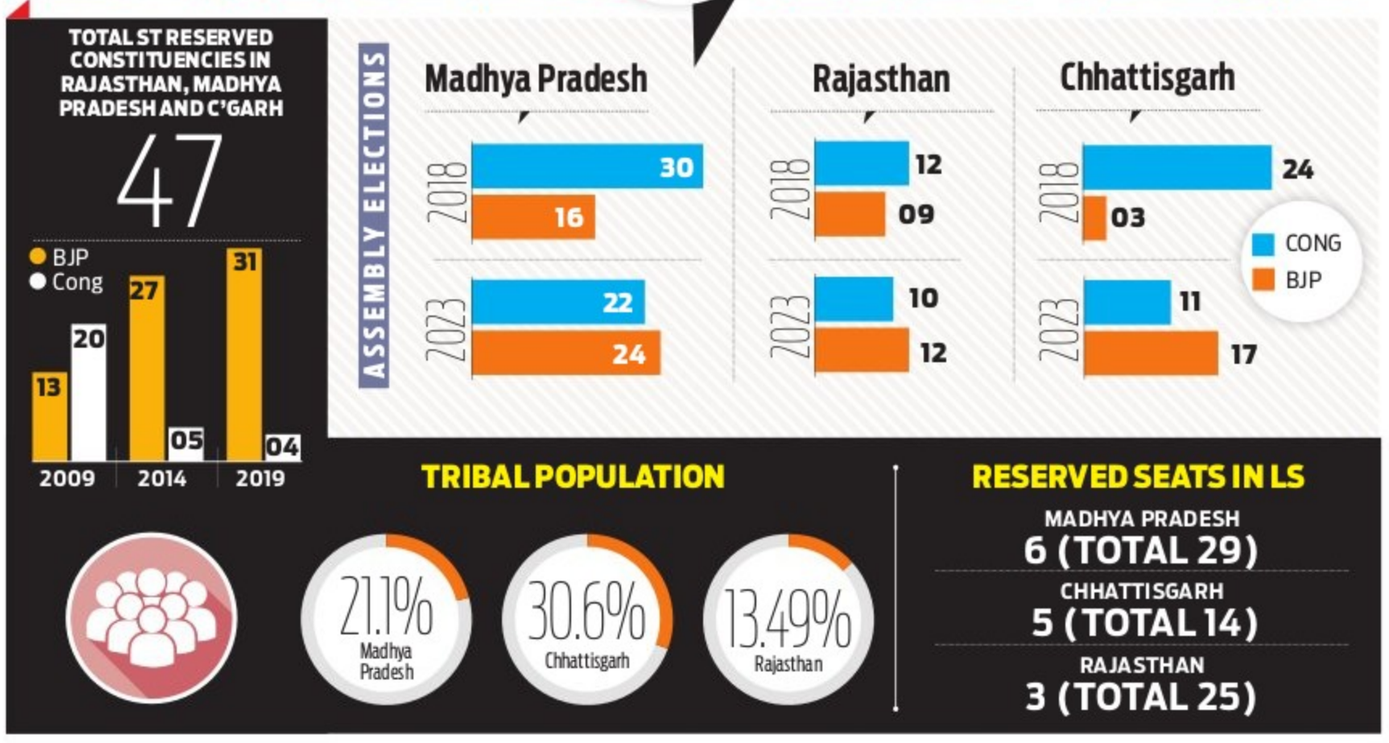
Among the various measures announced by the Modi government in recent months include ₹24,000 crore scheme allocated under the Pradhan Mantri Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups mission. The scheme is aimed at providing basic facilities such as education, health, and livelihood to the community living on the margins. Analysts say BJP's optics around appointing the first President from the tribal community have helped to strengthen its support among the community.

Other steps such as raising the Budget allocation from ₹4,295.94 crore in 2013-14 to ₹12,461.88 crore in 2023-24 and the setting up of Eklavya schools for ST students have given an edge to the BJP.

Analysts say that the welfare steps by the Centre were one of the reasons that the BJP was able to beat anti-incumbency in the recent MP Assembly elections. The BJP won 26 of the 47 reserved ST constituencies.

In Chhattisgarh, of the 29 ST reserved seats, the BJP won 17 while the Congress 11. But in 2018, the Congress won 25 ST seats and the BJP only 3. In Rajasthan, the BJP made major gains by winning 12 of the 25 ST reserved seats. The three states were won by the Congress in 2018 mainly with the help of tribal votes.

Stung by the defeat in the assembly elections, the Congress is also going all-out to sway the tribal vote bank with the promise of five guarantees to protect forests and the tribal land. The guarantees include setting up a national mission for implementation of the Forest Rights Act through a dedicated forest rights division, a separate budget and settling the pending FRA claims. To reach out to the community, the Congress also assured that all amendments made by the Modi government to the Forest Conservation Act and Land Acquisition Act, which have caused such great distress to Adivasis, will be "withdrawn".



BJP GUARANTEE

- ₹ 24,000 crore allocated under the Pradhan Mantri Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PM PVTG) mission
- Optics around first tribal President Droupadi Murmu
- Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) to provide education to ST students through residential schools setup in 2019
- Budget allocation for economic empowerment of the tribal raised from ₹4,295.94 crore in 2013-14 to ₹ 12,461.88 crore in 2023-24

TRIBAL PUSH BY CONGRESS

- Five guarantees under 'Adivasi Nyay to protect water, forests and land
- National mission for implementation of the Forest Rights Act through a dedicated forest rights division, a separate budget and action plans, including settling pending FRA claims.
- Will withdraw all amendments made by the BJP government to forest conservation and land acquisition acts,
- To enact state laws in conformity with Panchayat Extension to Scheduled Areas Act (PESA).
- Will make the Scheduled Caste Plan and the Scheduled Tribe Sub Plan and enforceable by law

ELECTION 2024

Remove education minister, says Guv

The Governor of West Bengal, C V Ananda Bose, asserted that Education Minister Bratya Basu intentionally breached the election Model Code of Conduct (MCC) by convening a meeting with politicians at the University of Gour Banga recently. A spokesperson from Raj Bhavan conveyed that Bose, serving as the chancellor, further emphasized that Basu's decision to host meeting there tarnished reputation of the educational system.

Kamal Nath close aide likely to quit

Perhaps the most significant blow awaits veteran Congress politician and former Madhya Pradesh chief minister Kamal Nath as he confronts a string of defections by loyalists in his stronghold of Chhindwara. This is particularly pertinent as his sitting MP son, Nakul Nath, is the Congress candidate for the April 19 LS polls. Deepak Saxena, considered Kamal Nath's closest associate in Chhindwara district, may join the BJP in Bhopal within days.

Pappu to contest as Independent

Former MP Rajesh Ranjan, also known as Pappu Yadav, filed his nomination paper from the Purnea seat as an independent candidate for the upcoming Lok Sabha election, despite strong protest from the Congress, which claimed he did so without the party leadership's permission. Pappu submitted his nomination paper on the last day of nominations for the second phase of the Lok Sabha election.

PM, Didi hit Cooch Behar battlefield

SULAGNA SENGUPTA @ Kolkata

WEST Bengal's Cooch Behar became the battleground of the titans in the political fray for the Lok Sabha elections due April 19 in the first phase of the seven-round polling.

In a rally, Prime Minister Narendra Modi raised the Sandeshkhali violence saying that under the Trinamool rule, women's life and honour were at stake.

In another rally a few kilometers away, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee called the BJP candidate and Union minister of state for home Nisith Pramanik a "TMC discard" for his alleged anti-social activities. She the Centre was using its investigating agencies to malign the image of opposition party leaders.

The PM said the country saw how the TMC tried to save the culprits of the Sandeshkhali incident. "But the BJP's focus is how to empower women. The culprits of Sandeshkhali will spend their lives in jail," PM Modi said, adding only BJP can stop the injustice against women of Bengal."

"What happened to the women of Sandeshkhali was the result of TMC's misrule. BJP has vowed it will ensure punishment for the Sandeshkhali culprits," Modi said.

Mamata alleged that Border Security Force (BSF) and Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) were working at the behest of the BJP. She urged the Election Commission to look into it and ensure a level playing field for all political parties.

"The BJP is asking you to enroll your names for Awas Yojna again. Why will the names be enrolled again? You can never trust the BJP; it is destroying the country," she said.

Asserting that her party will not bow before the "threat of Central agencies," Mamata urged women in Cooch Behar to file police complaints if there were instances of BSF torturing locals ahead of the polls.

"We will humbly request the Election Commission to ensure a level playing field as central agencies are working for the saffron camp. The BJP is violating the Model Code of Conduct," she said, adding BJP followed the principle of one nation, one party.

Re-emphasising her refusal to implement the Citizenship Amendment Act in the state, Banerjee said that applying for CAA would designate an applicant a foreigner and advised against it.

"The CAA is a trap to turn legal citizens into foreigners. Once you (BJP) implement CAA, NRC will follow. We would allow neither CAA nor NRC in West Bengal. If you apply, you will be designated as a foreigner," she said.

PM Modi in his rally said: "In 2019 when I came here, I addressed a rally from the same ground. But then Mamata didi made a platform on the ground leaving a narrow space for me. I said at that time that didi would see the result of it. And you have shown her the result. This time, there is no roadblock and so I want to thank Mamata Banerjee and the government," Modi said.

The BJP made maximum electoral gains in North Bengal since the last Lok Sabha election in 2019. North Bengal's Cooch Behar, Alipurduar and Jalpaiguri seats are going to the polls on April 19 in the first of the seven-phases Bengal will witness.

> **What happened to the women of Sandeshkhali was the result of TMC's misrule. BJP has vowed it will ensure punishment for the Sandeshkhali culprits** —Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

GUJARAT

Caste cauldron causes unease in BJP as Patidar, Kshatriya get into fight

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

AS the Kshatriya community has remained firm on their demand that Union minister Purushottam Rupala be replaced as the BJP candidate from the Rajkot Lok Sabha seat, Patidars have started a social media drive in support of him, leaving the ruling party caught between two dominant castes in Gujarat

With about 18 per cent of Gujarat's population, the Patidar community holds sway over more than seven of the 26 Lok Sabha seats in Gujarat.

For the past week, the Kshatriyas, also known as Rajputs, have been staging protests over Rupala's remarks about the community. Jyoti Tilwa, a BJP leader and a prominent figure among the Patidars, circulated a message urging for unity. "Even after Rupala apologised many times, it is not appropriate for anyone to have such a concern. Let us wake up, my brothers and sisters, and support Rupala sahib." the message read.

Many other Patidar leaders have taken to social media to express their support for Rupala. The community had planned to hold a meeting in Vadodara on Thursday, but it was cancelled at the last moment. Instead, a meeting took place at Rupala's residence in Gandhinagar with BJP leaders.

Lalit Vasoya, the Congress Lok Sabha candidate from Porbandar and a Patidar leader, has accused the BJP of attempting to drive a wedge between the two communities.

"Certain BJP leaders are turning a personal feud with Rupala into a rift between two communities. I denounce this attempt. Efforts must be made to uphold amicable relations between the two communities," Vasoya told the media.

PUNJAB

Farmers up the ante over MSP demand, plan poster campaign against BJP in all villages

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

POSTERS and pamphlets with questionnaires will be designed and put up in all the villages across Punjab by the Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM), the umbrella body of farmer unions, for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

These materials will pose questions to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). Consequently, the saffron party, which is already struggling to win the confidence of the Sikh community, will face tough scrutiny in the villages across the state... "Expose the BJP, oppose the BJP, and punish the BJP."

Senior leaders of the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM), including Prem Singh Bhangu, President of All India Kisan Federation, and Harinder Singh Lakhowal, General Secretary of BKU (Lakhowal) and a senior SKM leader, stated, "In today's meeting, it was decided to make the anti-BJP rally, to be held at Jagraon on May 21, a great success.

To mobilize the farmers, a hectic campaign will be launched in the state. In order to oppose and defeat the BJP candidates, a questionnaire will be prepared and pamphlets will be printed for distribution among the people on a large scale."

To oversee this endeavour, a five-member committee comprising Balbir Singh Rajewal, Prem Singh Bhangu, Ravneet Singh Brar, Baldev Singh Nihalgarh, and Angrej Singh has been constituted. This committee will convene on April 9 in Chandigarh to further plan the task.

Campaign in villages

To mobilize the farmers, a hectic campaign will be launched in the state. In order to oppose and defeat the BJP candidates, a questionnaire will be prepared and pamphlets will be printed for distribution among the people on a large scale." These posters will be affixed in all the villages across the state, containing 8 to 10 questions that the BJP leaders will need to answer when they visit villages.

JHARKHAND

In battle for Dumka, JMM decides to field old warhorse against Shibu Soren's 'bahu'

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

PUTTING an end to the speculations that Hemant Soren may contest against his 'bhabhi' Sita Soren from Dumka seat, JMM has announced the name of old warhorse Nalin Soren as its candidate from this high profile seat.

The party has also fielded JMM stalwart Mathura Mahto from the Giridih Lok Sabha seat, while announcement for the remaining three candidates is likely to take place on Friday.

The party strategists had earlier considered fielding jailed former Chief Minister Hemant Soren but changed their mind after Sita Soren joined the BJP. They saw this as a trap laid by the BJP to turn the battle between 'devar' and 'bhabhi' into a war for the legacy of JMM patriarch Shibu Soren.

Announcement of the names of the remaining three candidates from the JMM quota is likely to be declared on Friday. Incidentally, Soren in his message to the senior JMM leaders has said that they should strictly adhere to the policy of giving tickets to the dedicated party cadres and not to the outsiders who have joined the party ahead of 2024 polls.

Keeping his instructions in mind, a meeting of senior party leaders will be held on Friday to discuss the names of candidates for the remaining three Lok Sabha seats of JMM quota. "Whoever's name will be announced, it will be that of those who are dedicated to the party and have a background with JMM," said JMM spokesperson Manoj Pandey.

INDIA rally in Ranchi

The JMM is planning to host a 'Maha Rally' of INDIA alliance at Ranchi soon. All the top leaders of alliance partners will be invited. Though the date has not been fixed April 14 is said to be the tentative date for the same, according to JMM sources. The final decision is likely to be taken on Friday during the meeting of top JMM leaders. The rally will blow the bugle for the campaign of INDIA alliance in Jharkhand.

Future support tied to new steps to protect civilians: US to Israel

Biden, Netanyahu speak days after accidental killing of aid workers in Gaza

WASHINGTON

US President Joe Biden told Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Thursday that future US support for Gaza war depends on new steps to protect civilians and aid workers.

Biden and Netanyahu spoke by phone days after Israeli airstrikes killed seven food aid workers in Gaza and added a new layer of complication in the leaders' increasingly strained relationship.

"He made clear the need for Israel to announce and implement a series of specific, concrete, and measurable steps to address civilian harm, humanitarian suffering, and the safety of aid workers," the White House said in a statement following the leaders call.

"He made clear that US policy with respect to Gaza will be determined by our assessment of Israel's immediate action on these steps."

Biden, a Democrat, also told Netanyahu that an "immediate ceasefire is essential" and urged Israel to reach deal "without delay," according to the White House.

The leaders conversation comes as the World Central Kitchen, founded by restaurateur José Andrés to provide immediate food relief to disaster-stricken areas, called for an independent investigation into the Israeli strikes that killed the group's staff members, including an American citizen.

The White House has said the US has no plans to conduct its own investigation even as they called on Israel to do more to prevent the killing and wounding innocent civilians and aid workers as it carries out its operations in Gaza.

Biden was also expected to reiterate his concerns about Netanyahu's plan to carry out an operation in the southern city of Rafah, where about 1.5 million displaced Palestinians are sheltering, as Israel looks to eliminate Hamas following the militant group's deadly October 7 attack.

Despite the growing divisions, the Biden administration has proceeded apace with arms transfers and deliveries to Israel, many of which were approved years ago but had only been partially or not at all fulfilled.

Just this week, on Monday, the Democratic administration's "Daily List" of munitions transfers included the sale to Israel of more than 225-kilograms bombs and more than 450-kilogram bombs. *AP*

WAR WATCH
ISRAEL-GAZA: DAY 179

GAZA TOLL SO FAR
33,037

600 UK jurists urge govt to stop arms sale

More than 600 British jurists, including three retired judges from the UK Supreme Court, are calling on the government to suspend arms sales to Israel, piling pressure on Prime Minister Rishi Sunak after the deaths of three UK aid workers in an Israeli strike. Britain is just one of a number of Israel's longstanding allies whose governments are under growing pressure to halt weapons exports

66 stuck in quarries rescued, search on for the missing in Taiwan

HUALIEN

SIXTY-SIX workers stranded at two rock quarries in Taiwan following Wednesday's strongest earthquake in 25 years were rescued on Thursday, authorities said. They could not be rescued immediately as the approach roads to the quarries were damaged.

Elsewhere in Taiwan, rescuers continued their search for missing people and worked to reach hundreds stranded when the quake sent boulders and mud tumbling down mountainsides, blocking roads.

Ten people died and more than 1,000 were injured.

The powerful quake struck during the morning rush hour a day earlier, sending schoolchildren rushing outdoors and families fleeing their apartments through the windows.

The ground floors of some buildings collapsed, leaving them leaning at precarious angles. Though the island is regularly rattled by earthquakes and generally well prepared, authorities did not send out the usual alerts because they were expecting a smaller temblor.

Some residents of the eastern coastal city of Hualien near the epicentre were staying in tents, and the main road linking the county to the capital, Taipei, was still closed Thursday afternoon, but much of Taiwan's day-to-day life returned to normal. *AP*

ASIA MATTERS

FOREIGN MAIDS DUPED IN 2023, GOVT SAYS

As many as 500 migrant maids working in Singapore fell victim to scams last year, an increase of 18 per cent from the 423 cases of duping reported in 2022, according to Home Affairs Minister K Shanmugam. Most of the domestic workers in Singapore come from India, Sri Lanka and Southeast Asian countries. Responding to a question in Parliament on Wednesday, Shanmugam said that agencies regularly carry out anti-scam education efforts for workers employed in Singapore. The top three types of scams were phishing, Internet love and loan scams. *PTI*

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II
BSNL Building, Telephone House, 4th Floor, Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru – 560 001.
O.A. No. 281/2022

Between:
CANARA BANK, RAH, M.G. Road, BENGALURU – 560 001 **...APPLICANT**
And:
Smt. SANDHYA KUMARI AND OTHERS .....DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS / NOTICE ISSUED TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF1993 BY WAY OF SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 against the Defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.66,72,028/- (Rupees Sixty-Six Lakhs Seventy-two Thousand and Twenty-eight only),** together with current and future interest and other relief/s.

Take notice that you are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of this Summons or **on 10/05/2024 at 10:30 AM** in person or by a Pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted. Take notice of interim relief sought. Take notice that in case of default, the application/ interlocutory application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal, on this the **16th day of March 2024.**

Sd/- REGISTRAR
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, BANGALORE

To:
4) Smt. Akkayamma 5) Sri Munegowda
6) Sri Anand 7) Sri Harish
Sl. No. 4 to 7 are residents of No. 292 and 293/1, Jakkur Gramatana Byatarayanapura CMC, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk
8) Sri. Jayaramaiah, 9) Smt. Sujatha,
10) Sri Manjunatha, 11) Smt. Jayamma,
12) Smt. Rathnamma, 13) Smt. Sunitha,
14) Smt. Bhagya, 15) Sri M. Chinnaraya swamy, 16) Sri Keshava Murthy,
17) Sri Manjunath, Sl. No. 8 to 17 are residents of Property No.294/292/ 291/ 290, Jakkur Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk.

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PRO/AAM(M)/03/2024 **GENERAL MANAGER**

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Sri. Mahadeva, Son of Sri. Madashetty**, residing at No.50, 9th Cross Road, 2nd Main Road, Nanjamba Agrahara, Chamrajpet, Bangalore-560018, has entered sale agreement with **Sri. R. Srinivasa, Son of Sri. Rajappa @ R. Ramachandra**, Bangalore, with intent to purchase the schedule property from his vendor **Sri. R. Srinivasa, Son of Sri. Rajappa @ R. Ramachandra**, Bangalore, who had acquired the same through a gift deed dated 24.09.2021. Anybody having any claims or objections for the proposed transaction of sale may lodge the claim with proof of documents with the undersigned within 7 days from the date of publication failing which it shall be presumed that nobody has got any claim over the Schedule Property and no subsequent objections will be entertained and my Client shall proceed to finalise the transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of site bearing Khata No.72/3 situated Jaraganahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangaluru South Taluk, within the limits of BBMP, Bangalore, measuring East to West Northern side 20 feet, Southern side 36.11 feet and North to South Eastern side 72 feet and Western side 74, in all measuring 1048 out of which he has agreed to sold East to West Northern side 25 feet Southern side 35 feet and North to South 40 feet in all measuring 1200 Sq. Ft. and bounded on the:

East by : 10 feet common Passage, West by : Property belonged to Draskshi Munlyappa, North by : Remaining portion of same property, South by : 5 feet common Passage & property belonged to Smt. Padma.

S.R. Narayanappa, Advocate
R.C.S. ASSOCIATES, ADVOCATES
S.R. NARAYANAPPA, H.G. THIMMAIAH
No.10 & 11, 2nd Floor, N.A.T. Street, Gandhi Bazaar, Basavanagudi, Bangalore - 560 004.
Place : Bangalore Date : 03.04.2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client **MR. H.N. VENKATESH MURTHY** S/o. Sri. H.V. Narasimhaiah, Aged about 69 years, Residing at No. 652, SAI SKANDHA APARTMENT Ground Floor No. 002 5th Cross, Road, 2nd Block BSK 1st Stage, Hanumanthanagar Bangalore 560050 **Aadhaar No. 334627507544** intend to purchase the Schedule Property herein under mentioned and negotiated with its Owner **DR. CHANDRAKALA .B.K** D/o Sri. Karimalle Gowda Aged about 60 years Residing at No. 456, Transom Lane Foster City, California 94404, and with her information my client further communicated with her SPA Holder Mr. Ajay Shankar Aged about 36 years S/o. Late Sri. Shankar Rao Residing at No. F-3, 3rd Floor, Ligoury Court, 7 Palm Grove Road Victoria Layout, Bangalore 560047 as presenter of the sale deed to be registered in the name of proposed purchaser.

Notice is hereby given to all concerned calling that if any Banks, organizations, Societies, its earlier owners or their legal heirs, Joint Family members or any Third Parties or anybody has got any interest, title, claims, objections whatsoever over the Schedule Property or any part thereof. They are hereby requested to lodge their objections/claims to the undersigned in writing supported with relevant documents **within 15 days** from today. Failing which, my client will complete the sale transaction and proceed for the Registration of Sale Deed. They will not be considering any subsequent objections and same will not be binding on him thereafter.

CLUBBED COMPOSITE SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece of Vacant **Property No. 2A, 1st Stage, III Phase, Chandra Layout, Gangondanahalli Division,** now coming under the Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike **Old Corporation Ward No. 39 New Nagarabhavi Ward No. 128 BBMP PID No. 39-118-2A** and bounded by:

East By : Road, **West By** : Site No. 31/30, **North BY** : Site No. 1, **South By** : Road, measuring Eastern Side 58.3 feet Western side 54.6 feet And Northern Side 60 feet to Southern side 59.5 feet totally measuring 3361 square feet.

S.D. LAW ASSOCIATES
Advocate and Consultants
No.87 Opp. 43A BMTC Bus Stop, Vivekananda Nagar, Kathriguppe Main Road, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore 560085.
(M) 9845930803

LOST OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENT'S

I, Manoj B. Pipe Line Road, Yeshwantpur, have Lost my Original Document's like Hakku Patra, Dhana Patra, Dhana Patrada Raddhu Yayeti Patra, Rental Agreement, Voter ID **On 17-03-2017** Pipe Line Road, Yashwantpur. If anyone finds these Original Document's, they are requested to Call my Mobile **No. 7259798886** or nearest Police Station. **Lost Report No.1000574/2024.**

Sd/- Kundan Babu M.
Advocate & Notary, Bangalore.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are Informed that my client **Mr.Yuvaraj K.**, S/o. Krishnaraju K.R., Aged about 35 Years, Residing at No.2, 9th Cross, Santhosh Nagara, Attur Layout Behind Law College, Yelahanka, Bangalore 560064, hereby informs that he is intent to purchase the below Schedule Property which belonging to the owner i.e. Vedavathi E. Hiremat & Poornima E Hiremath and the same they acquired through Court Partition in FDP No.23/2017, registered as Document No.3645/2022-23, Book-I, stored in C.D.No.HBBD1258, registered in the office of Sub-Registrar, Gandhinagar (Hebbala) Bangalore. And further stating that the said Client is wishes to purchase the Schedule Property from the above said Owners and also intent to have loan /credit facility from Bank, Bangalore, in case any party has any claim towards the said relevant property, the same should be lodged with the intending party and also with the Bank, within 7 days from publication of this Notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable residential property bearing Site No.15, formed in Sy.No.42/7, BBMP Khatha No.42/7/15 situated at Atturu Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now within the limits of BBMP, measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 47 Feet 1410 Sq.Ft. and bounded on: **East by** : Site No.16; **West by** : Site No.14; **North by** : Road; **South by** : Private Property.
DATE: 04.04.2024

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PUBLIC NOTICE
(LOSS OF SALE DEED)

The General Public hereby notice that our clients **Mr.Rajashekara Murthy M.S** S/o late Shivananjappa and Mrs. Sharmila Murthy W/o Rajashekara Murthy M.S , both are residing at No.116, Ground floor, 2nd Cross, Dasarahalli Main Road, Bhavaneshwarinagar, Bangalore-560024, Our clients are the absolute owners of the property bearing Site No.7, BBMP Khatha No.1599/18/1/7, Old CMC Yelahanka Katha No.18/1/7, Situated at Agrahara Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West: 54feet and North to South: 30feet in all measuring 1620square feet, our clients have informed that while travelling from Majestic Bus to Yelahanka , they lost the Original Sale deed bearing document no.13895/2006-07, Book No.I, CD.No.YAND226 in the office of Sub-Registrar, Yelahanka, Bangalore, after their best effort to search they could not trace out the same, in this regard-our clients have lodged a complaint intimating the loss of said original sale deed vide Lost Report No.1000019/2024 dated 02.04.2024 to Crime Branch, Bengaluru City Police and it is requested to the General Public that if it is found they may be handed over to the address given below, it is made clear that if the above mentioned original sale deed is used for any wrongful and illegal purpose, our clients would not be liable for the same.

Bengaluru **Dated:** 4.04.2024
S A Law Associates
No.29/1, Old No.54, G.Floor, Nanjappa Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-560027

Format C-1

Declaration about criminal cases

(As per the judgment dated 25th September, 2018, of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No. 536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.)
Name and address of candidate: M MALLESH BABU
Name of political party: JANATA DAL (SECULAR)
(Independent candidates should write "Independent" here)
Name of Election: GENERAL ELECTION TO THE HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE - 2024
***Name of Constituency: KOLAR PARLIAMENT CONSTITUENCY**
I M MALLESH BABU (name of candidate), a candidate for the abovementioned election, declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents:

SL NO	Pending criminal cases			Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences	
	Name of Court	Case No. and status of case	Section(s) of Acts concerned and brief description of offence(s)	Name of Court & date(s) of order(s)	Description of offence(s) & punishment imposed
1.	Principle Civil Judge (Junior Division) & JMFC COURT, BANGARPETE, KOLAR DIST.	CASE NO. 0221/2018 :: CCNO. 255/19	IPC 1860 (U/s 171H, 149) Religious Institutions (Prevention of Misuse) Act 1988 (U/s 3,6,7)	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE
2.	1st Additional Senior Civil Judge And C.J.M. KOLAR	CR NO. 0230/23, CCNO. 1212/23	Under Section 171B, 171E, of IPC	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE

Sd/-
M MALLESH BABU

Format C-2

Declaration about criminal antecedents of candidates set up by the party

(As per the judgment dated 25 th September, 2018 of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No. 536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.)
Name of Political Party: JANATA DAL (SECULAR)
***Name of Election : GENERAL ELECTION TO THE HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE - 2024**
Name of State/ UT : KARNATAKA

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Sl. No.	Name of candidate	Name of constituency	(A) Pending criminal cases		(B) Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences		
			Name of Court, case No. & status of the case(s)	Sections of the Acts concerned & brief description of offence(s)	Name of Court & date(s) of order(s)	Description of offence(s) & punishment imposed	Maximum Punishment imposed
1.	M. MALLESH BABU	KOLAR	Principle Civil Judge (Junior Division) & JMFC COURT, BANGARPETE, KOLAR DIST. CASE NO. 0221/20 18 :: CCNO. 255/19	IPC 1860 (U/s 171H, 149) Religious Institutions (Prevention of Misuse) Act 1988 (U/s 3,6,7)	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE
2.	M. MALLESH BABU	KOLAR	1st Addition al Senior Civil Judge And C.J.M. KOLAR CR NO. 0230/23, CCNO. 1212/23	Under Section 171B, 171E, of IPC	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE

Format C-1

Declaration about criminal cases

(As per the judgment dated 25th September, 2018, of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No. 536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.)
Name and address of candidate: H D KUMARASWAMY
Name of political party: JANATA DAL (SECULAR)
(Independent candidates should write "Independent" here)
Name of Election: GENERAL ELECTION TO THE HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE - 2024
***Name of Constituency: MANDYA PARLIAMENT CONSTITUENCY**
I H D KUMARASWAMY (name of candidate), a candidate for the abovementioned election, declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents:

SL NO	Pending criminal cases			Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences	
	Name of Court	Case No. and status of case	Section(s) of Acts concerned and brief description of offence(s)	Name of Court & date(s) of order(s)	Description of offence(s) &punishment imposed
1.	Hon'ble LXXXI Additiona l City Civil & Sessions Judge, Bengaluru, CCH-82	PCR No. 27/2014	Section 204, 405, 406, 465, 468, 471 r/w 120(B) of Indian Penal Code & Section 13(1)(d)(e) of Prevention of Corruption Act and Section 21, 23 r/w 4(1A) of MMRD Act and Section 104, 104(c) of Karnataka Forest Act	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE
2.	Hon'ble LXXXI Additiona l City Civil & Sessions Judge, Bengalur u, CCH-82	Crime No. 16/2014	Section 420, 465, 467, 468 r/w 120(B) and 511 of Indian Penal Code and Section 13(1)(d) of Prevention of Corruption Act and Section 21(2) and 23 of MMRD Act	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE
3.	Hon'ble LXXXI Additiona l City Civil & Sessions Judge, Bengalur u, CCH-82	Crime No. 27/2015	Section 409, 418, 420, 120(B) r/w 34 of Indian Penal Code and Section 13(1)(c), 13(1)(d), 13(2) of Prevention of Corruption Act and Section 3 and 4 of Karnataka Land (Restriction and Transfer) Act	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE

Sd/-
H D KUMARASWAMY

Format C-2

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Name of Political Party: JANATA DAL (SECULAR)
Name of Election : GENERAL ELECTION TO THE HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE - 2024
Name of State/ UT : KARNATAKA

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1.	H. D. Kumaraswamy	MANDYA	Hon'ble LXXXI Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge, Bengaluru, CCH-82 PCR No. 27/2014	Section 204, 405, 406, 465, 468, 471 r/w 120(B) of Indian Penal Code & Section 13(1)(d)(e) of Prevention of Corruption Act and Section 21, 23 r/w 4(1A) of MMRD Act and Section 104, 104(c) of Karnataka Forest Act	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE
2.	H. D. Kumaraswamy	MANDYA	Hon'ble LXXXI Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge, Bengaluru, CCH-82 Crime No. 16/2014	Section 420, 465, 467, 468 r/w 120(B) and 511 of Indian Penal Code and Section 13(1)(d) of Prevention of Corruption Act and Section 21(2) and 23 of MMRD Act	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE
3.	H. D. Kumaraswamy	MANDYA	Hon'ble LXXXI Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge, Bengaluru, CCH-82 Crime No. 27/2015	Section 409, 418, 420, 120(B) r/w 34 of Indian Penal Code and Section 13(1)(c), 13(1)(d), 13(2) of Prevention of Corruption Act and Section 3 and 4 of Karnataka Land (Restriction and Transfer) Act	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE

Market Watch

MARKET				GOLD				SILVER				FOREX			
350.81	▲ Sensex	74,227.63		₹600	▲ 24 carat (10 gm)	₹70,620		₹1000	▲ 1 kg	₹82,000		▼ Dollar	83.39		
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Byju Raveendran's net worth plummets to zero

Byju's founder faces criticism as co's fortunes fall over recent years

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

FROM $2.1 billion net worth a year ago, edtech firm founder Byju Raveendran's net worth has now plummeted to zero, according to the Forbes Billionaire Index 2024 list.

Byju's was once known as the most valuable start-up, but now the edtech firm has been witnessing a series of setbacks including multiple legal battles, and even struggles to pay its employees' salaries. In December 2023, Raveendran pledged his home to pay salaries.

"Only four people from last year's list dropped off this time, including former edtech star Byju Raveendran, whose firm Byju's was enveloped in multiple crises and its valuation was marked down by BlackRock to $1 billion, a fraction of its peak $22 billion valuation in 2022," Forbes said.

Raveendran has been facing severe criticism as the company's fortunes have been declining. Prominent investors recently voted to oust him as CEO. Prosus, one of the shareholders, in a statement had said that in its EGM shareholders unanimously passed all resolutions put forward for vote. These included a request for the resolution of the outstanding governance, financial mismanagement and compliance issues at Byju's; the reconstitution of the Board of Directors, so that it is no longer controlled by the founders of T&L; and a change in leadership of the company.

Since January, the edtech firm has been struggling to pay salaries. Raveendran in an emotional letter to employees recently said that he has been moving mountains for months to make payroll.

Meanwhile, Byju's on April 4 filed an application with the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) to refer its dispute with the investors for arbitration.

Recently, before conducting the EGM, Raveendran in an email to shareholders said the last two years were tough, but that "our comeback will be stronger than our setback."

Though the company closed the rights issue last month, right now it is locked in a separate account.

Exch-traded currency norms delayed

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AFTER the panic in the market earlier this week which saw a near wipe-out of volume, the Reserve Bank on Thursday delayed implementation of its directions for exchange-traded currency derivatives (ETCDs) by a month to May 3.

The proposed ETCD rules were to come into effect from Friday, April 5. ETCDs were first introduced in 2008, and the average daily trading volume on dollar/rupee futures been nearly $2.5 billion, making it an important segment for the forex market.

The ETCD market went into a tizzy on Wednesday and Thursday with volumes plummeting by as much as 80% after brokers asked clients to submit proof of underlying exposures on their derivative contracts, else unwind existing positions, according to market participants who feel that the move looks like an extension so that they have time to close out their positions.

"In view of feedback received and recent developments, it has been decided that these directions will now come into effect from May 3, 2024," the Reserve Bank said in a statement late this evening. The regulator also said to help traders it has permitted them to take positions of up to $100 million across exchanges without providing documentary evidence to establish the underlying exposures. However, RBI ruled out exemption from the requirement of having the exposure.

Though currency derivatives are a tool for hedging forex risks and thus to ensure better profits, they are also a hotbed for speculative trades. There are many ETDs, such as those in stocks, stock index, currency, commodities, and bonds.

An exchange traded derivative is a standardised financial contract that is traded in stock exchanges in a regulated manner. ETDs are essentially contracts, deriving value from the price fluctuations of their underlying assets. There are mainly two types of derivatives: one that is subject to standardized terms and conditions, and thus being traded on stock exchanges, and the other being traded between private counter-parties in the absence of a formal intermediary.

EXPRESS READ

GE Aerospace to invest $30 mn in Pune facility

MUMBAI: US aerospace major GE Aerospace on Thursday announced a $30 million investment to expand and upgrade its manufacturing facility in Pune. The investment will allow the facility to add new projects and manufacturing processes along with capacity enhancement of existing products, the company said in a press statement. *ENS*

23,000 returns filed for FY24 in four days

NEW DELHI: The Income Tax department on Thursday said ITRs 1, 2, 4 and 6 have been made available on e-filing portal from April 1, 2024, and about 23,000 returns have already been filed for the 2023-24 fiscal year. This is for the first time in recent years the department has enabled taxpayers to file their I-T returns on the first day of the new financial year. *ENS*

HDFC Bank loan book crosses ₹25L cr mark; stock rallies over 3%

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

THE country's largest private sector lender HDFC Bank on Thursday said its loan book crossed ₹25 trillion (₹25 lakh crore) mark as of end-March, spawning a massive rally in its stock, which has been down in the dumps since the merger with its parent last July.

Buckling a choppy trade for the broader market after a huge gap-up opening the market went into the red mid-day but gained towards the end, primarily because of the over 3% rally in the HDFC Bank counter, which has the largest weighting in both the indices. Finally, the counter settled with 3.06% gains at ₹1,527.9 after hitting a high of ₹1,529.9 on the BSE. Since the merger the stock had hit a nadir of ₹1,365 from over ₹1,700 pre-merger.

In an exchange filing, the second-largest lender after SBI, said its gross advances stood at ₹25.08 trillion as of March 31, 2024, a growth of 55.4% from ₹16.14 trillion as of March 31, 2023. Of the incremental growth, the merger contributed to close over ₹6 trillion to the loan book.

The figures include those of its erstwhile parent HDFC, which was had a reverse merger with the bank on July 1, 2023, and hence are not comparable, the bank said. On a quarter-on-quarter basis, the loan growth has been feeble inching up only 1.6% from ₹24.69 trillion in December 2023.

Vinod Nair, head of research at Geojit Financial Services, told the New Indian Express that the stock rally was primarily due to the surge in advances, which is better than industry average, led by the retail book consisting home, consumer, and personal loans. Another positive is that the deposit base remains resilient, bolstered by significant growth in retail deposits, thus fortifying its prospects for future profitability.

Business metrics indicate a positive outlook for earnings growth, particularly with respect to the synergies anticipated from the merger, Nair added, but did not offer a price target for the stock.

According to the bank's internal business classification, domestic retail loans grew 109% over March 2023 and 3.7% over December 2023, while commercial and rural banking loans grew 24.6% and 4.2% and corporate and other wholesale loans, excluding non-individual loans of the erstwhile HDFC, grew nearly 4.1% during this period.

Deposits rose to ₹23.8 trillion as of March 2024, clipping at an on-year growth of 26.4% over ₹18.83 trillion and 7.5% over ₹22.10 trillion in December 2023. Of this, retail deposits grew 27.8% and 6.9% (₹1.2 trillion) and wholesale deposits grew 19.4% and 10.9% (or ₹38,000 crore), respectively, during this period, it said.

The low-cost current account saving account (Casa) deposits, wherein it has been the market leader for decades, jumped to Rs 9 trillion in March 2024, clipping 8.7 percent on-year.

TAKEOVER

Founders of Taskmo exit as Quess buys co

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GIG economy platform Taskmo founders Prashant Janadri and Naveen Ram took an exit after scaling 20X in the last two financial years and also after completing the company's acquisition by Quess Corp, which was an early investor in the platform.

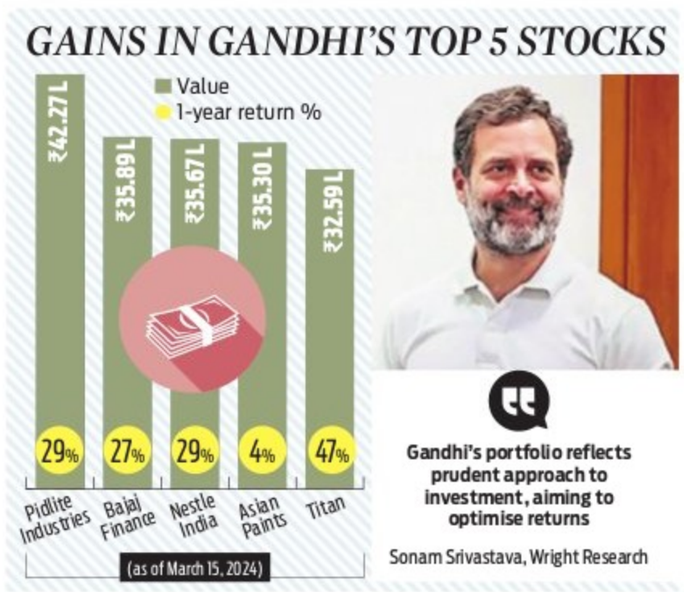
The acquisition marks a significant milestone for Taskmo, which was founded in 2020. Taskmo will continue to operate independently under the Quess Corp umbrella. The company raised its first round of funding $1.4 million with Quess in 2021 and followed by equity and debt rounds by the same strategic investor.

Taskmo claims that it has seen hyper growth of 20X in the last 2 financial years. The platform has been working with marquee companies like Jiomart, Amazon, Flipkart, Meesho, Zomato, Rapido, Uber, Ola, HDFC and Swiggy, among others.

Prashant Janadri, co-founder and chief executive officer, Taskmo said, "We experienced a little shyness from workers to opt for gig work in our early days, but our seamless opportunities with the ease of product helped us serve more than 35,000 unique taskers or gig workers so far."

Rahul Gandhi bets on Pidilite Ind, Bajaj Finance, Asian Paints stocks

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi



CONGRESS leader Rahul Gandhi does not own shares of Reliance Industries Limited and any Adani Group company even as a huge portion of his assets is allocated into mutual funds and stocks.

Gandhi has been a sharp critic of India's top two billionaires – Mukesh Ambani and Gautam Adani – and has often accused them of benefiting from their close proximity with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. As per an affidavit filed with the Election Commission, the Waynad MP's total declared assets stood at over ₹20 crore. This includes movable assets of ₹9.25 crore with about 90% attributed to investments in mutual funds and stocks and immovable assets valued at ₹11.15 crore.

Gandhi's top bet in equities (in terms of market value) includes investment in Pidilite Industries, Asian Paints, Bajaj Finance, Nestle India and Titan Company. His equity portfolio included shares in 25 listed companies.

The value of his stock holding stood at ₹4.33 crore as of March 15, 2024. Gandhi held 1,474 stocks in Pidilite Industries whose value stood at ₹42.27 lakh as of March 15, making it his biggest holding. His holding in Asian Paints stood at ₹35 lakh, ₹35.89 lakh in Bajaj Finance, ₹35.67 lakh in Nestle India and ₹32.58 lakh in Titan. His equity portfolio also has Deepak Nitrite, Divi's Laboratories, Infosys, TCS and HUL.

Gandhi has made investments of ₹3.81 crore in seven mutual funds. HDFC Small Cap regular (growth) is his top pick and the value of his investment in this scheme stood at ₹1.23 crore. The value of this scheme has surged 50% in 1 year.

Commenting on Gandhi's portfolio, Sonam Srivastava, founder and fund manager at Wright Research, said the inclusion of both established companies and smaller ventures indicates a willingness to leverage opportunities across different segments of the market.

"Overall, Gandhi's asset portfolio reflects a prudent approach to investment, aiming to optimize returns while managing risks effectively," added Srivastava.

Gandhi also holds 220 units of Sovereign Gold Bond 2020-21, with a value of ₹15.21 lakh as of March 15. His Public Provident Fund had a balance of ₹61.52 lakh as of March 15.

Dabur expects mid-single digit revenue growth in Q4

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ON account of sluggish demand trends, FMCG major Dabur is expecting a mid-single digit growth in its consolidated revenues in the recently concluded March quarter. The company stated that the past year was "challenging" for consumer demand but it expects improvement going ahead.

"Demand trends remained sluggish during the quarter. Rural growth picked up fuelled by price roll backs in staples which led to the gap between rural and urban narrowing. With a positive outlook for the rabi crop harvest and monsoon forecast to be normal we expect consumption to pickup in the coming months," Dabur India Ltd said in a regulatory filing on Thursday.

Dabur added that the inorganic revenue growth which was to the extent of around 2.3% till YTD 'Dec 2023 on account of Badshah acquisition is now factored in the base. Gross margins are likely to continue to witness expansion on account of deflation in input cost and cost-saving initiatives, said the company. Following this disclosure, shares of Dabur hit a 52-week low ₹502.30 intraday on Thursday and closed 4.7% lower at Rs 507.25 a piece.

AI pilots to Tata: Treated like bonded labourers

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THE brewing tension between Vistara pilots and the airline management has slipped over to Air India as two unions of Air India pilots wrote a letter to Tata Sons Chairman N Chandrasekaran and raised their concerns over the revised pay structure and inhumane working conditions.

The two unions - Commercial Pilots' Association (ICPA) and Indian Pilots' Guild (IPG)- alleged that pilots are being subjected to conditions and treatment reminiscent of bonded labourers.

"The pilots of Vistara have been steadfast in their advocacy for fixed 70 hours compensation, improved working conditions, and stable roster. After thorough assessment and consultation, we believe that their demands are not only reasonable but also reflective of broader challenges prevalent within Tata Group airlines," the unions wrote to Chandrasekaran.

They said there have been instances where HR has resorted to threatening pilots with potential disruptions to their future, accompanied by severe consequences. "Threatening pilots with disruptions to their future is not only unethical but also creates a hostile and intimidating work environment... Furthermore, such threats can have serious consequences for the safety and efficiency of our operations. Pilots who feel threatened or intimidated may be reluctant to report safety concerns or speak up about issues that could impact flight operations," read the letter.

This stand by the unions comes a day after Vinod Kannan, CEO of Vistara spoke to pilots and assured them of addressing their concerns. In the midst of the merger process between Vistara and Air India, a large number of Vistara pilots, dissatisfied with new contract terms, recently started reporting mass sick leaves.

APPRAISAL TIME

IT industry likely to witness 8-10% increment

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THE IT services industry is witnessing a phase of recalibration as companies are moderating the approach to salary increments, with hikes expected to be around 8%-10%. The sector is seeing a major demand in C-Suite across various areas such as technology, data, AI/ML, product, security and Gen AI, among others, according to global recruitment firm Michael Page.

In its latest release of the annual salary guidance, it says in the tech sector, roles in emergent fields like Gen AI technology are drawing significant attention. It adds that financial services and consumer/consumer tech, among others, are the top employers of the IT industry. The hike range varies between 35-45% for junior employees, 30-40% hike for mid-level executives, and 20-30% increment for senior management, it adds.

"With India's economy displaying such resilience and optimism, and surpassing its pre-COVID performance, the focus is now on harnessing this potential. Nurturing talent and fostering innovation thus remains a key. Industries like consumer, renewables, finance, and healthcare are progressing, bolstered by investments from local and domestic companies," said Ankit Agarwala, Managing Director at Michael Page India.

As per the report, projections for 2024 foresee an uptick in demand for compliance and sustainability experts. Global Capability Centres (GCCs) are witnessing a marked uptrend in talent requisition, with a particular emphasis this year on the renewables, electric vehicles (EV), and automotive sectors.

As far as the property and construction sector is concerned, the industry is looking at roles like Leasing, Business/P&L Head and Real Estate Strategy. Interestingly, unlike other sectors, the market is projecting a good scope of growth and offering 20-40% hike to juniors, 25-45% hike to middle experiencers and a 20-40% salary appraisal to seniors.

Sales and marketing offers an average salary hike between 25-40% across job levels and the sector is looking for talents for positions like digital marketing, growth manager/leader and growth head/business head.

"As we advance into 2024, the employment narrative in India is about more than just salaries. Flexibility, work culture, and professional growth opportunities are pivotal in job transitions, reflecting a maturing and holistic employment ecosystem," said Anshul Lodha, MD at Michael Page India.

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Bharti Hexacom IPO subscribed 1.12 times

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

BHARTI HEXACOM'S initial public offering received 1.12 times subscription on second day of bidding on Thursday. This is the first public issue of the financial year 2024-25.

The initial share sale of Bharti Hexacom received bids for 4,62,41,546 shares against 4,12,50,000 shares on offer, according to the NSE data. The category for non-institutional investors received 1.71 times subscription, while the portion for Retail Individual Investors (RIIs) got subscribed 1.15 times and the quota for Qualified Institutional Buyers (QIBs) got subscribed 82%.

On Tuesday, the Bharti Airtel arm said it has collected ₹1,924 crore from anchor investors. The company had fixed a price band of ₹542-570 per share. The ₹4,275 crore IPO is entirely an offer of sale (OFS) of 7.5 crore equity shares, indicating a 15% stake by Telecommunications Consultants India Ltd, with no fresh issue component.

Max 'happy' at Red Bull but could quit F1 in 2028

Max Verstappen reiterated that he could walk away from F1 when his Red Bull contract expires in 2028, but insisted he was "very happy" at the team, Asked ahead of Sunday's Japanese GP if he would still be with the team next year, he said: "I'm very happy where I'm at, and we want to keep it that way." But he was less certain when talking about his post-Red Bull future.

Shashank & Ashutosh sing 'balle balle' Punjab

Gill's valiant knock in vain as Punjab register three-wicket victory

GOMESH S @ Chennai

Shashank Singh (L) & Ashutosh Sharma added 43 for the 7th wicket | SPORTZPICS

WHEN Shubman Gill came into the 2023 season, his career strike rate in the Indian Premier League was 125.24. Everyone knew he was a class act in the making, but somehow the Gujarat Titans batter hadn't cracked the shortest format. To an extent, it was also one of the reasons why he was not retained by Kolkata Knight Riders ahead of the 2022 mega auction.

Last year, Gill was ready. He had upskilled himself and married his poster-worthy stroke play with insane intent. He struck at 150.84 in the first six overs and then he only got better (162.8). No kind of bowler was spared. Against pace, Gill operated at 157.53 SR and spinners at 158.15 SR. It is not just the intent that made it look crazy, but how long he was able to sustain it. While striking at over 150, he averaged 59.33, registering a breakthrough season. Such was his impact that he came close to beating Virat Kohli's 973-run record, finishing the season with 890 runs.

Since the IPL, it had been a rollercoaster for Gill despite the record ODI year he had with the bat. The opener caught dengue during the World Cup, was appointed as the captain of Titans after Hardik Pandya was traded, had a poor run in Tests before making a statement in the England series and so on. This is why, when the 2024 IPL season began, all eyes were on how he would handle the captaincy, especially filling in the shoes of someone who had led the team to two finals in as many years.

Not much was said about his batting as Titans won two of their first three games, but Gill would have been kicking himself. He had 75 runs from three innings at 136.36. Now, for an above-average batter, it does not look that bad, but not Gill. He is more than just an above-average batter.

On Thursday, during the clash against Punjab Kings in Ahmedabad, the Titans skipper showed just that. In a hurry to get things going, he stepped out and launched Harpreet Brar down the ground on the very first over of the match. When Kagiso Rabada came along, he stood tall and flicked the pacer. With the edge flying to the ropes off Arshdeep Singh, Gill had raced to 18 off just eight balls. From there, he just stood in his crease and played the ball on its merit. He kept ticking the scorecard, but at the same time, if there was width on offer, he would slash it wide of deep third. With B Sai Sudharsan (33 from 19), he built the innings at a decent rate while ensuring there were no high-risk shots.

At the same time when Punjab tried to sneak in an over from Sikandar Raza, they pounced on him. But it was not until Sai Sudharsan got out Gill pushed the pedal. It started with a picture-perfect loft off Rabada into the sight screen and then came the swats against Harshal Patel as Gill brought up his fifty in 31 balls. A six and four followed off Rabada and it seemed like the Titans skipper looked set for a century. However, the boundaries did not come, and neither did the strike with Rahul Tewatia hitting boundaries, as Gill finished with an unbeaten 89 from 48 balls as Titans posted 199/4.

Titans might have lost the match by three wickets, thanks to Shashank Singh (61 n.o) and Ashutosh Sharma (31) heroics, but Gill needed this innings. For despite the result, it would give him a world of confidence for days to come. **Brief scores:** GT 199/4 in 20 ovs (Gill 89 n.o, Sai Sudharsan 33; Rabada 2/44) lost to PBKS 200/7 in 19.5 ovs (Shashank 61 n.o).

India remain on top of doping chart

INDRANEEL DAS @ Chennai

INDIA may not be on top of the world in most Olympic disciplines. When it comes to doping, though, the country still leads the pack. Especially among countries that tested more than 2000 samples. At 19,222 samples, China's Anti-Doping Agency has tested the maximum number of athletes. In comparison, India tested about 3,865 samples.

Even in 2021, with 2.3 per cent of AAFs against samples collected, India were the leader (for more than 1000 samples tested). This newspaper had already reported late on Wednesday, how India are on top in terms of percentage for doping violations this time as well.

According to the 2022 Anti-Doping Testing Figures of World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) published on Wednesday, National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL) in New Delhi has about 3.2 per cent conversion rate of positive cases. The NDTL had collected 3,680 urine samples, out of which 126 had Adverse Analytical finding (AAF), which is the number of positive tests before final adjudication (Anti-Doping Rule Violation). The 2022 testing figures also revealed that NDTL collected 216 blood samples out of which there was one AAF. In 2021, NADA had collected 1,794 samples out of which 42 tested positive.

The figures published under National Anti-Doping Organizations also revealed that the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) had collected 3,865 samples out of which there were 125 positive tests. To break down the figures, the NADA collected 2,154 urine samples during competition out of which 88 returned positive. In out of competition, 1,501 urine samples were collected out of competition (OOC), out of which 36 tested positive. While NADA collected 90 blood samples in-competition, 120 samples were OOC.

South Africa's Bloemfontein laboratory is second with a conversion rate of 2.04 per cent. It tested about 3,761 urine samples out of which 89 were positive.

The lab also collected 158 blood samples for a total of 3,919. However, South African Institute for Drug-Free Sport, the anti-doping watchdog of the country, had tested 2033 samples (urine and blood) out of which 58 tested positive.

Though Cologne laboratory in Germany had more positives in numbers – 186 AAFs – the laboratory tested about 30,000 samples. In terms of percentage, it comes to just .60 per cent. Similarly, Ghent in Belgium tested over 16,000 samples for a positive test of 100, which is .69 per cent. Salt Lake City in the US also tested about 10,489 urine samples for 125 positives and 2,144 blood samples for one positive. Percentage wise, it is 1 per cent. When it comes to NADOs, the Kazakhstan National Anti-Doping Centre is behind South Africa in terms of percentage of positive tests. It collected 2174 samples (urine and blood) and 41 tested positive.

After China, German National Anti-Doping Agency (13,653) and Russian Anti-Doping Agency (RUSADA - 10,186) are the two organizations that tested more than 10,000 samples. For China, there were 23 positive cases, which stands at 0.2 per cent against samples collected. There were 84 positive cases reported in by RUSADA.

The US Anti-Doping Agency too recorded a high number of 84 positives but their sampling stood at 6,782 which stands at 1.2 per cent.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Crivellaro stars as Chennaiyin FC rally to beat Jamshedpur FC in ISL

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CFC's Rafael Crivellaro celebrating his goal against JFC on Thursday | ISL

CHENNAIYIN FC broke into the top-six with a come-from-behind victory (2-1) over Jamshedpur FC in the ongoing Indian Super League at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium here on Thursday.

Chennaiyin now have 24 points from 20 games, two more than Bengaluru FC (22), who have played the same number of games as the Blues. Contrastingly, the win-less streak for Jamshedpur FC has now extended to four games, and the team has slipped to the ninth spot with 21 points in as many games in the season. Accordingly, the Khalid Jamil-coached team has crashed out of the contention for qualifying for the playoffs this season.

Interestingly, the game began on a positive note for the Red Miners, with their Japanese star Rei Tachikawa finding the back of the net 22 minutes into the game. That goal arguably came against the momentum of the game for the visitors.

The Chennaiyin duo of Rafael Crivellaro and Jordan Murray had teased the Jamshedpur FC goalkeeper TP Rehenesh with some sharp efforts prior to the Jamshedpur FC goal.

Rehenesh did well to hold his guard and Tachikawa bore the fruits of the same by nodding home a cross by Muhammed Uvais from the left flank.

Crivellaro continued to persist though. Making decisive passes to the likes of Farukh Choudhary and Vincy Barretto, he was a constant menace and he finally found the equaliser in the 52nd minute. The momentum was with the home side. Rahim Ali then scored a few minutes later, a goal that proved to be the difference.

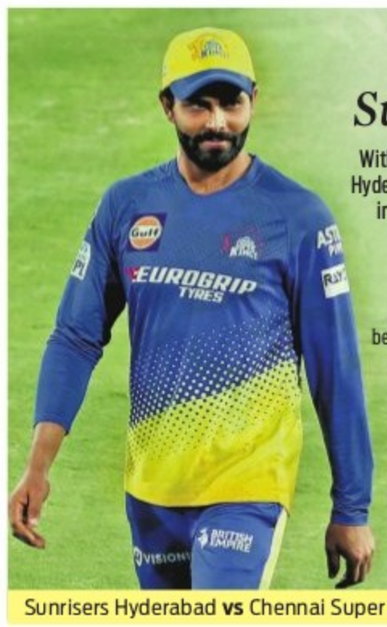
Anmol set to be in focus; Sindhu sits out

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

ANMOL Kharb was a revelation earlier this year during the Badminton Asia Team Championships in Malaysia. The teenager, who had barely any experience at the senior international level, punched above her weight to upset some well-experienced shuttlers to announce her arrival. Anmol's display understandably created plenty of buzz. The 17-year-old, who entered women's singles quarterfinals along with four other Indians in the ongoing Kazakhstan International Challenge on Thursday, will once again be in focus as her name has been included in the women's team for the upcoming BWF Uber Cup Finals that is scheduled to be played in China from April 27 to May 5.

Anmol's role becomes more prominent as the women's team will be without experienced ace PV Sindhu. The men's team, meanwhile, has the usual suspects in the ranks. HS Prannoy, Lakshya Sen Kidambi Srikanth, Priyanshu Rajawat and Kiran George will be looking to help the team retain the Thomas Cup. World No 1 pair Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty will also be looking to make their presence felt.

Thomas Cup squad: (Singles) HS Prannoy, Lakshya Sen, Kidambi Srikanth, Priyanshu Rajawat and Kiran George; (Doubles) Satwiksairaj Rankireddy, Chirag Shetty, MR Arjun, Dhruv Kapila and Sai Pratheek. **Uber Cup squad:** (Singles) Anmol Kharb, Tanvi Sharma, Ashmita Chaliha and Isharani Baruah; (Doubles) Shruti Mishra, Priya Konjengbam, Simran Singhi and Ritika Thaker.



Sunrisers face Super Kings test

With one win in three games, Sunrisers Hyderabad take on Chennai Super Kings in a home contest on Friday. A look...

JADEJA VS SRH MIDDLE-ORDER

During the record-breaking contest between SRH and Mumbai Indians, every spinner went for more than 13 runs per over. With the IPL returning to the same venue, the focus, once again, shifts to how CSK spinners, Ravindra Jadeja in particular, fare. In the absence of Mustafizur Rahman, Maheesh Theekshana might come back but Jadeja will be vital against SRH's destructive middle-order.

CAN CHAHAR MAKE A DENT?

Since Travis Head came into the XI, SRH has gone gung-ho in the powerplay. Not many have been able to contain him and Abhishek Sharma. On Friday, Deepak Chahar will be tasked with making early inroads against the SRH top-order – Mayank Agarwal, Head and Sharma. Can he? Only time will tell.

GAIKWAD THE BATTER ON RADAR

Ruturaj Gaikwad might not have had any trouble leading the Super Kings so far, but he has had a quiet start to the season with the bat. Unlike last year, where he was batting close to 150 strike rate with regular 30-plus scores, in three games, he has had one good start and would be itching to get some runs under his belt.

Sunrisers Hyderabad **vs** Chennai Super Kings, Hyderabad — Live on Star Sports and JioCinema, 7.30PM

EXPRESS READ

SatChi pull out of Badminton Asia C'ships

NEW DELHI: Star Indian shuttler Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty on Thursday pulled out of their men's doubles title defence at next week's Badminton Asia Championships with the former recuperating from a shoulder injury. HS Prannoy, Lakshya Sen and PV Sindhu will now lead India's charge in the event.

Pant fined ₹24 lakh for over rate offence

VISAKHAPATNAM: Delhi Capitals captain Rishabh Pant has been fined ₹24 lakh for a second over rate offence in the 2024 Indian Premier League. Pant was guilty of maintaining a slow-over in the game against Kolkata Knight Riders here on Wednesday. The rest of his teammates were fined 25 per cent of their match fees.

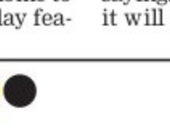
SA footballer Fleurs killed in hijacking

JOHANNESBURG: South African footballer and Olympian Luke Fleurs has been killed in a hijacking in Johannesburg, his Kaizer Chiefs club said on Thursday. The 24-year-old defender was shot while waiting to be attended to at a petrol station in the Honeydew suburb in Johannesburg, according to police.

Unbeaten Bayer Leverkusen on course to make history

AGENCIES @ Dusseldorf

FORTY games unbeaten, and a historic treble is still on. Bayer Leverkusen and Xabi Alonso are having a remarkable season.



After Bayern Munich coach Thomas Tuchel conceded in the Bundesliga title race last week, Leverkusen are 13 points ahead with seven games remaining and can take another stride toward its first league trophy on Saturday against Union Berlin.

There's even the prospect of being the first club ever to have an unbeaten season in the Bundesliga. Wednesday's 4-0 win against Fortuna Duesseldorf in the German Cup semifinals left Leverkusen 90 minutes away from another trophy in next month's final.

Captain Minnu Mani's six-fer keeps South Zone in control

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

SKIPPER Minnu Mani's six-wicket haul helped South Zone reduce West Zone to 230 all out on day two of the senior women's inter-zonal multi-day trophy in Pune. For West Zone, Yastika Bhatia (64) and Devika Vaidya (41) tried to revive the innings but failed to close down on South Zone's 289 in the first innings. In the second semi-final, North Zone skittled from 90 for three to 144 all out, courtesy of Mamta Paswan's five-wicket haul and Deepti Sharma's four wickets. Dhara Gujjar's half-century took East Zone to 282 for nine in the second innings and now they lead North Zone by 270 runs.

Arundathi Reddy, fresh off her efforts with the bat in the first innings, gave South Zone the first breakthrough when Riya Chaudhari was caught behind for one late on Wednesday. Opener Vaidya and Bhatia added 61 runs for the second wicket before Minnu bowled the former to break the partnership. Bhatia found a partner in Bhavana Goplani, but the captain stood up again to reduce West Zone to 132 for three. After Bhatia's wicket for 64, West Zone went through a mini collapse when they lost three wickets in the span of 15 runs, including that of Anuja Patil, who scored a century in the quarter-final, as captain Smriti Mandhana (30) watched from the other end.

Radha Yadav's knock of 39, batting down the order, took West Zone past 200, but Minnu and Sunanda Yetrekar cleaned up the last four wickets for just 35 runs. After taking the lead of 59 runs, South Zone opener M Durga helped pile on that lead as her 29 led the way for South Zone to take the lead of 117 runs. At the end of the day's play, South Zone were 58 for two. In case, there is no result today, South Zone will qualify for the final based on their lead in the first innings.

Brief scores: South Zone 289 all out & 58/2 in 30 ovs (M Durga 29) vs West Zone 230 all out in 70.5 ovs (Yastika Bhatia 64; Minnu Mani 6/73); East Zone 132 all out & 282/9 in 80 ovs (Dhara Gujjar 58; Mannat Kashyap 4/72) lead North Zone 144 all out in 41.3 ovs (Shafali Verma 58; Mamta Paswan 5/58).

EXCITING FINISH

Man City manager Guardiola expects Premier League title race to go down the wire

AGENCIES @ London

MANCHESTER City manager Pep Guardiola has told his side to prepare for another Premier League title race that goes all the way to the last day of the season. Reigning champions City have been playing catch-up this term in a three-way clash with Arsenal and Liverpool.

City maintained their charge by drawing level on points with Liverpool, and moving just one behind leaders Arsenal, with a commanding 4-1 win at home to Aston Villa on Wednesday featuring a hat-trick from England midfielder Phil Foden. Liverpool, however, had the chance to regain top spot as they were scheduled to face bottom-of-the-table Sheffield United later Thursday. Guardiola continues to insist his side are only third favourites to lift the Premier League trophy as they seek to be crowned champions of England for an unprecedented fourth successive season.

But he expects City to remain in the hunt, with the Spaniard saying: "If we win all our games it will go until the last day because they are not five, six, seven points in front.

"It will not be easy. The feeling I have is not easy. I see Liverpool and Arsenal playing, they don't drop points, it will not be easy.

"But we have to do our job and don't regret, 'Oh, we should have won that game because they lost after'. We cannot do anything, we do not play against them any more so we don't control what Liverpool and Arsenal do. All we can do is win our games."

Even with Kevin De Bruyne and Erling Haaland only among the substitutes ahead of next week's Champions League trip to Real Madrid, there was no denying City's dominance against Villa. But Guardiola snapped back at reporters when asked if City were finding form at the right time following the criticism of his team following Sunday's goalless draw with Arsenal.

Phil Foden scored a hat-trick as Man City beat Aston Villa 4-1 on Wednesday | AP

"We were out of the title race three or four days ago and not playing good, the team was not playing like we did the last six seasons. Now we are in the best form in the league? Come on, guys..."

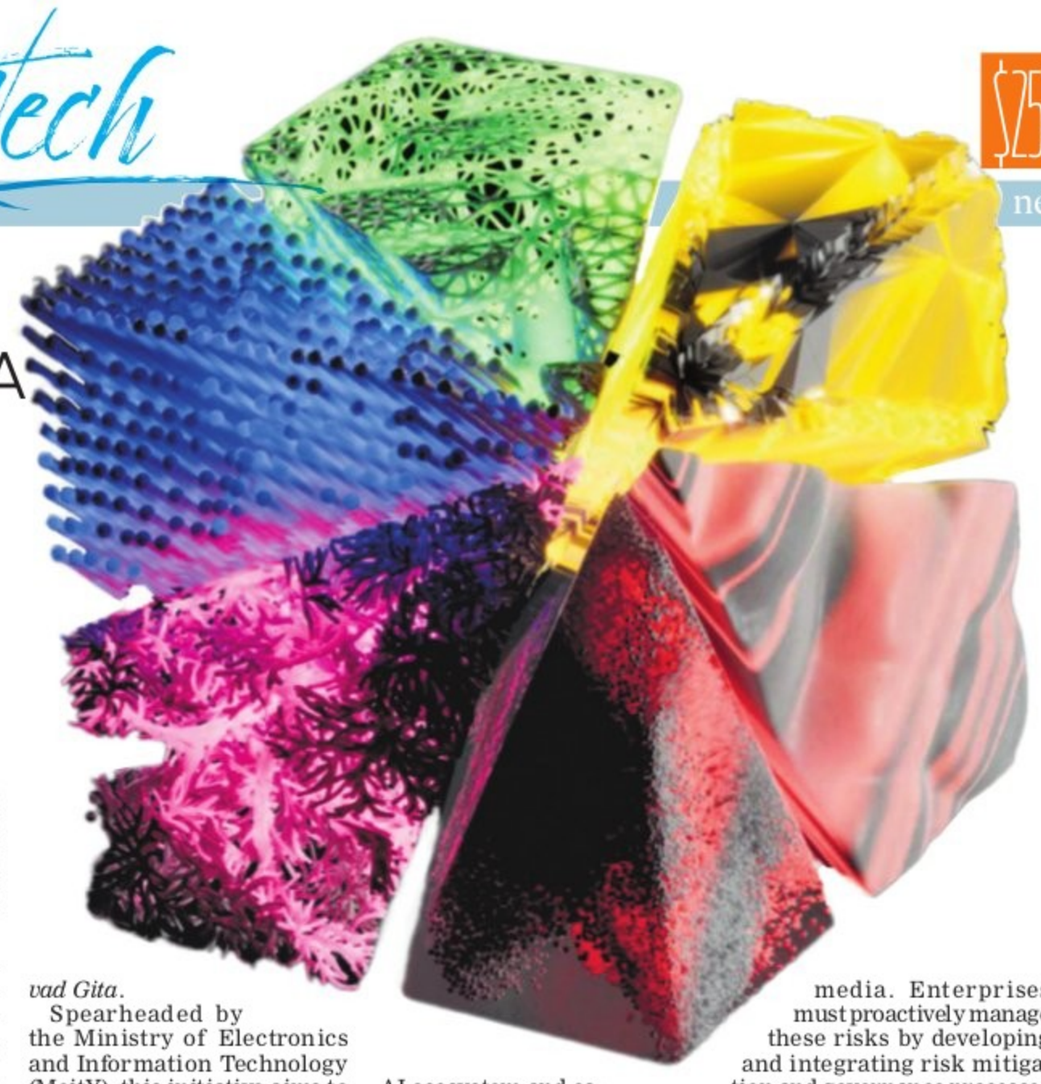
The former Barcelona and Bayern Munich boss added: "We've won a lot of the last games. I cannot say in the game against Arsenal I didn't recognise my team. We were there all the time, we didn't create chances because of the quality of defence and because we missed some presence in the box, but the rest, I recognise completely my team."

Wednesday's results: Arsenal **2-0** Luton; Brentford **0-0** Brighton; Manchester City **4-1** Aston Villa.

$254 BN IS INDIAN TECH INDUSTRY'S ESTIMATED REVENUE IN FY2024

90% FIRMS USING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, DELOITTE SAYS INDIA

INDIA TO BE LEADER IN AI



RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

INDIA is fast growing as a strategic leader with exciting innovations in the fields of cloud computing, quantum computing, and AI supercomputing, says a new report. This is not surprising because over 90% of Indian businesses are already utilising AI/GenAI technologies. However, the challenge lies in the level of implementation as only 2% of the companies are extensively integrating these technologies, says the report titled *Deloitte Technology Trends 2024: India Perspective*. GenAI does have the potential to accelerate India's digital transformation with businesses coming forward to strategically invest in the new-age tech to maximise benefits by adapting to evolving market dynamics. If year 2023 witnessed significant demand for, and interest in, GenAI, the current year is expected to focus on identifying optimal investment areas and evaluating past investments.

AI: From Chatbots to Co-pilots

Since 2022, the perception of AI has shifted. It is no longer seen solely as a threat to jobs but rather as a vital tool for organisational competitiveness. AI's role has transcended basic chatbots to encompass complex responsibilities as a co-pilot and autopilot in intelligent automation and decision-making. According to the Deloitte report, organisations across various sectors including healthcare, retail, education, and agriculture are increasingly adopting GenAI to streamline operations, enhance customer experiences and gain a competitive edge.

Notably, India has developed its own GenAI tool based on GPT-4, capable of answering questions related to the *Bhagavad Gita*.

Spearheaded by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), this initiative aims to reduce reliance on foreign AI models and foster indigenous capabilities in AI research and development. By fostering collaboration between academia, industries, and government, India aspires to build a robust AI ecosystem and establish itself as a global leader in AI innovation.

Managing risks

Despite its potential, GenAI poses inherent risks such as misinformation and synthetic media. Enterprises must proactively manage these risks by developing and integrating risk mitigation and governance processes to avoid reputational or financial damage. GenAI offers unique opportunities for businesses to modernise and optimise their infrastructure without extensive transformations. Its applications span across various sectors in India, with a thriving startup scene fuelled by substantial funding, indicative of high growth potential. Notably, 2023-2024 witnessed a significant rise in AI-related initiatives, accompanied by comprehensive workforce training programs.

India's talent advantage

The Deloitte report also notes that India possesses a significant advantage with its large pool of young and skilled tech talent. By 2027, the country is estimated to have 18 million STEM graduates.

Additionally, a strong IT and engineering workforce of 2 million professionals across India's top 15 tier-2 cities further underscores the nation's tech-driven transformation. Attracting and retaining top talent will be crucial for India's continued success in the dynamic global tech ecosystem.

The report estimates that the Indian technology industry's revenue (including hardware) will reach $254 billion in FY2024, reflecting a 3.8% year-on-year growth. Exports are expected to touch the $200 billion mark, with a 3.3% annual increase, while the domestic technology sector is projected to cross the $54 billion mark, growing at 5.9% year-on-year.

ED-TECH FIRM GUVI LAUNCHES LLM TO TAP VERNACULAR LEARNERS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Chennai

GUVI, an IIT Madras-incubated ed-tech company and part of the HCL group, has launched a large language model (LLM) with colloquial datasets to help students who are not proficient in English learn concepts in their mother tongue. The LLM allows users to upload course videos in English and get them translated in Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, and Kannada. More vernacular languages will be added soon. The company says users can even get colloquial interactions, to make learning fun.

With this LLM, the company hopes to get students from Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities to enroll in technical courses. "We recognise the significance of linguistic diversity in education," says Arun Prakash, founder and CEO of GUVI. "By leveraging ChatGPT and Colloquial Data Sets, we are ensuring that the AI understands and responds to users in their colloquial language, fostering inclusivity and accessibility in education while celebrating India's linguistic heritage," Prakash added.

With over 2.5 million learners, GUVI offers tech courses and career programs. The company has created an online platform for students to learn in their mother tongues and also offers specialised IT courses to upskill and make them job ready.

GUVI is focused on leveraging technology to address real-world challenges, instead of engaging in futile competition by recreating similar training foundation models, Arun Prakash said. He was referring to OpenAI CEO Sam Altman's rhetoric on Indian firms building foundational models. "GUVI stands firm in its belief that true innovation thrives on diversity and inclusivity," he said.

Referring to Ola's AI chatbot Krutrim issues, he said: "This is what happens when people prioritise egos over real-world impact. When firms focus on ego-driven challenges, they miss opportunities for meaningful innovation."

TECHNOLOGY BUZZ

Apple, WhatsApp and Insta suffer brief worldwide outage

Apple and Meta-owned platforms WhatsApp and Instagram suffered an outage close to midnight on Wednesday. Many Apple users reported being unable to access the App Store, Apple TV, Apple Music and other Apple services. Services were restored within an hour. The Apple support page on X advised users to visit the status page for additional details but did not explain the problems. Similarly, users of WhatsApp reported having trouble connecting to the platform in several regions. WhatsApp wrote on X, "We know some people are experiencing issues right now, we're working on getting things back to 100 percent for everyone as quickly as possible." It followed it up with another post after a few hours saying, "And we're back. Happy chatting!". Several Instagram users too faced difficulties as they could not refresh their feed. It is pertinent to mention here that in March, Facebook, Instagram, Messenger and Threads had faced a major outage, as users reported an inability to access the apps for nearly two hours at that time

3AI Holding acquires 50% share in Hanooman AI model

Seetha Mahalakshmi Healthcare (SML) India has entered into a partnership with Abu Dhabi-based AI investment firm 3AI Holding to jointly develop Hanooman, a multilingual GenAI platform, with each party holding a 50% share. Hanooman is to launch on May 1. With this joint venture, Hanooman will offer its capabilities in India and abroad, targeting platforms building AI-based solutions. The aim is to take Hanooman to 200 million users in 22 Indian languages within the first year from the day of its launch, SML India said. Vishnu Vardhan, Co-Founder and CEO of SML India said, "3AI Holding's proprietary, patent-pending Omega generative AI will further help us expand our reach to the masses in a way that has never been possible before." Arjun Prasad, Managing Director of 3AI Holding said, "We are focusing on catering to a diverse range of users through our advanced multilingual text capabilities. We are driven towards making AI inclusive and accessible to everyone in a language of their choice, reaching the remotest corners of the country"

SBI STATE BANK OF INDIA

K.R. Road Hosakote Branch [Code No.40033], No.4115-4116, Sri Sannidi, Near J.C Circle, Hosakote-562 114, Bangalore Rural District, Karnataka Tel:080-27931272/27934682 Email: sbi.40033@sbi.co.in

DEMAND NOTICE

A/c No.: HL 37196276710 Date: 28.03.2024

Mr. Mandepudi Subba Rao., Sio Mr.M. Purushotham, Flat No.304, SBB Royal, Site No.69 & 70, Sy. No.69, Hoodi Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East. **Also, at: Mr. Mandepudi Subba Rao.,** S/o Mr.M. Purushotham No.232, Ground Floor. Ankappa Reddy Layout. C.V. Raman Nagar, Bangalore — 560 093

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 (HEREINAFTER CALLED 'ACT')

At your request, you have been granted by the Bank, through us i.e., **K.R. ROAD HOSAKOTE Branch,** from time to time, various credit facilities by way of financial assistance against various assets creating security interest in favor of the bank The relevant particulars of the said credit facilities and the security agreements/ documents executed by you are stated in Schedule "A" and Schedule "B" respectively excluding pledge of movables. You have availed the financial assistance with an undertaking for repayment of the said financial assistance in terms of the said agreements / documents.

You have also created mortgage by way of deposit of title deeds creating security interest in favor of the Bank. The documents relating such mortgage are also stated in Schedule 'B'. The relevant particulars of the secured assets are specifically stated in Schedule "C" Part-I & II.

You have also acknowledged subsistence of the liability in respect of the aforesaid credit facilities by executing confirmation of balances and revival letters and other documents from time to time. The operation of and conduct of the above said financial assistance / credit facility have become irregular and the debt has been classified as non-performing asset on 28.02.2024 in accordance with the directives /guidelines relating to asset classifications issued by Reserve Bank of India [RBI] consequent to the default committed by you in repayment of principal debt and interest thereon.

Despite repeated requests, you have failed and neglected to repay the said dues / outstanding liabilities.

Therefore, the Bank hereby calls upon you under Section 13(2) of the said Act by issuing this notice to discharge in full your liabilities stated hereunder to the Bank within 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice. Your outstanding liabilities (in aggregate) due and owing to the Bank is to the tune of Rs.30,11,747/- (Rupees Thirty lakhs eleven thousand seven hundred and forty-seven only) as on 27.03.2024. You are also liable to pay further interest at the contractual rate from 28.03.2024 on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges, etc.

If you fail to repay to the Bank the aforesaid sum of **Rs.30,11,747/- (Rupees Thirty lakhs eleven thousand seven hundred and forty-seven only)** with further interest and incidental expenses, costs as stated above in terms of this notice u/s 13(2) of the Act, the Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under Sub Section (4) of Section 13 and under other applicable provisions of the said Act.

You are also put on notice that in terms of Sub Section 13 of Section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease, or otherwise the said secured assets detailed in Schedule "C" of this notice without obtaining written consent of the Bank.

Your kind attention is invited to provisions of sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act where under you can tender the entire amount of outstanding dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank only till the date of publication of the notice for sale of the secured asset(s) by public auction, by inviting quotations, tender from public or by private treaty. Please also note that if the entire amount of outstanding dues together with the costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank is not tendered before publication of notice for sale of the secured assets by public auction, by inviting quotations, tender from public or by private treaty, you may not be entitled to redeem the secured asset(s).

The credit facility was sanctioned to you by the Bank and this demand notice is being issued to you demanding the entire dues of the Bank. The undersigned is the Authorized Officer of the State Bank of India and is empowered to issue this notice and exercise powers under section 13 of the aforesaid Act.

This notice is without prejudice to the Bank's right to initiate such other actions or legal proceedings as it deems necessary under any other applicable Provisions of Law.

SCHEDULE "A"

Sl. No	Nature of Facility	Account Number	Balance Outstanding Rs.	Unapplied Interest. Rs.	Penal Interest Rs.	Outstanding as on 27.03.2024 (Inclusive of interest) (Rs)
1.	Home Loan	37196276710	29,13,259/-	98,488/-	–	30,11,747/-

SCHEDULE "B"

List of Documents (details of Security Documents including all supplementary documents and Documents evidencing creation of mortgage)

	Name of the Document	Nature of Security	Date of Execution	Amount Secured (Rs.)
1.	Arrangement Letter	Terms and Conditions	25.09.2017	32,00,000/-
2.	Agreement of Loan	Loan Agreement	12.10.2017	32,00,000/-
3.	Deed of undertaking from Borrower	Undertaking	12.10.2017	32,00,000/-
4.	Memorandumof deposit of Title deeds	Mortgage	30.10.2017	32,00,000/-

SCHEDULE "C" Part -1:[Please mention all the hypothecated properties. viz. Current Asserts including Stocks. Book Debts. Receivables. Consumable Stores & Spares and Hypothecated Movable Plant & Machinery. etc mentioned in the Documents (Scheduled B) **-NIL-**

Part-11 (Please state the particulars of the immovable properties mortgaged to the Bank as stated sr the documents having reference to the mortgage documents /deeds) (Schedule B)

SCHEDULE A PROPERTY : All the part and parcel of the Flat No.304. SBB Royal, bearing Site No.69 & 70. BBN1P Khata No.308/260/21/69, Sy No.69, Hoodi Village, K R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, measunng 1375 Square feet SBA and 288 sqft in UDS and bounded on the:: East by : 30 Feet Road. West by: Site No.63 & 64. North by : Site No.71 and South by : Site No.68

Place: Hosakote
Date: 28.03.2024

Sd/-
Authorised Officer & Chief Manager

STATE BANK OF INDIA

RACPC MALLESHWARAM (41161)
No. 97, Railway Parallel Road, Kumarapark West, Bangalore -560020
Ph: 080 25943732, 25943720 ,Email: racpc.bz1@sbi.co.in

DEMAND NOTICE

UNDER SUB SECTION (2) OF SECTION 13 OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 (HEREINAFTER CALLED ACT)

At your request, State Bank of India has extended credit facility to you, **Smt V.N Lokamba** W/o Sri M.C Suresh, through its **Sampige Road Branch, Bengaluru,** various credit facility by way of financial assistance against various assets creating security interest in favour of the bank. The relevant particulars of the said credit facilities and the security agreement / documents executed by the borrower are furnished in the demand notice dated **01.02.2024.** The said financial assistance is also secured by way of deposit of title deeds creating security interest in favour of the Bank. The relevant particular of the secured asset is specifically furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance/ credit facility has become irregular, the debt has been classified as Non Performing Asset on **28.01.2024** in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrower in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. As the demand notice Dated **01.02.2024** sent by register AD calling upon you, was un-served/not acknowledged by you, hence this notice is now published

The accounts have been assigned from **Sampige Road Branch,** Bengaluru to **RACPC, Malleshwaram**, Bengaluru, for maintenance and hence the undersigned is competent to issue the notice.

Name and address of the Borrower : Smt V.N Lokamba W/o Sri M.C Suresh, No. 124, Sri Sai Nivas, Kendriya Nagara Layout, Banashankari 6th Stage, Ganigara Palya, Bengaluru – 560062, **Also at: Smt V.N Lokamba** W/o Sri M.C Suresh, No. 29/2, Jagan Mohan Reddy Building, Opp TVS Showroom, Jaraganahalli Kanakapura Road, Bengaluru – 560078. **Sri M.C Suresh** S/o Sri Chikkaramaiah, No. 124, Sri Sai Nivas Kendriya Nagara Layout, Banashankari 6th Stage Ganigara Palya , Bengaluru – 560062, **Smt V.N Lokamba** W/o Sri M.C Suresh, Flat No. SF-201, 2nd Floor, "Platinum Purva" Apartments, Property – 9A & 9B, Jnanksh Layout, Kengeri, Bengaluru.

Outstanding Loan Amount: Rs.40,48,953-00 (Rupees Forty lakh forty eight thousand nine hundred fifty threeonly) as on 31.01.2024 and interest from 01.02.2024 with future interest at the contractual rate together with incidental expenses, costs, charges, etc thereon.

Schedule of Property : SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY: All that part and parcel of the immovable property bearing No. 9A, Pattanagere CMC Khata bearing No. 232/2, situated at Jnanakshi Layout, Halagevaderahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, BBMP Khata bearing No. 1135/232/02/9/A, Ward No. 160 – Rajarajeshwarinagar Sub-Division, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 71.40 + 75.40/2 ft X North to South 72.80 + 54.90 /2 ft all measuring 4686.59 sq. ft. Property standing in the Joint name of Smt V.N Lokamba, W/o Sri M.C Suresh & Sri. M.C Suresh, S/o Sri M.A Chikkarajaiah. Bounded: East by: Krishna Bhatta Layout / 40 Feet Road, West by: Site No. 9B, North by: Road and Site No. 6, South by: Private property (Pvt. Tools Factory).

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY: All that part and parcel of the immovable property bearing No. 9B, Pattanagere CMC Khata bearing No. 232/2, situated at Jnanakshi Layout, Halagevaderahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, BBMP Khata bearing No. 1136/232/02/9B, Ward No. 160 – Rajarajeshwarinagar Sub-Division, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 59.00 ft X North to South 75.00 + 33.00 + 79.42 ft all measuring 4565.42 sq. ft. Bounded: East by: Site No. 9A, West by: Site No. 9C, North by: Road, South by: Private property (Pvt. Tools Factory).

COMPOSITE SCHEDULE PROPERTY : (Entire Property) All that part and parcel of the immovable property bearing Nos. 9A and 9B, Pattanagere CMC Khata bearing No. 232/2, situated at Jnanakshi Layout, Halagevaderahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, BBMP Khata bearing No. 1135/232/02/9A (in respect of Schedule 'A' Property) and BBMP Khata bearing No. 1136/232/02/9B (in respect of Schedule 'B' Property), Ward No. 160 – Rajarajeshwarinagar Sub-Division, Bengaluru, measuring East to West on Southern side 113.75 ft and on Northern side 131.80 ft X North to South on Western side 79.42 ft and on Eastern side 71.40 ft (113.75 + 131.80) / 2 X (79.42 + 71.40) / 2, in all measuring 9260.00 Sq. ft. Bounded: East by: 40 Feet Road / Krishna Bhatta Layout, West by: Site No. 9C, North by: Road and Site No. 6, South by: Private property (Pvt. Tools Factory).

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY: (Property conveyed to the Purchaser)

All that part and parcel of the **Three Bedrooms** residential apartment / flat bearing unit No. SF-201, Situated at Second floor, having Super Built-Up area of 1410 sq. ft along with 250.00 sq ft of undivided right of share in the land in the Schedule 'A' and 'B' Properties and one covered car parking area bearing No. SF – 201 in the basement floor, in the above said Multi-Storied residential apartment/building known as "PLATINUM PURVA" with water, electricity and sewerage amenities together with common areas such as passages, lobbies, lift/s, staircase/s and all other areas of common use etc.

DETAILS OF THE PROPERTY : 1. Super Built Up area : 1410.00 sq. ft, 2. Undivided interest : 250.00 sq. ft or equaling, 3. Walls: Solid concrete blocks and cement, 4. Flooring : Vitrified Tiles, 5.Ceiling,: R.C.C, 6.Door: Main door with Teak-wood, other doors are with Sal-wood frames and flush shutters.

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank shall exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the section 13 of the SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section 13 of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Banks rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law.

Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act whereunder you can tender the entire amount of outstanding dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank only till the date of publication of the notice for sale of the secured asset(s) by public auction, by inviting quotations, tender from public or by private treaty. Please also note that if the entire amount of outstanding dues together with the costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank is not tendered before publication of notice for sale of the secured assets by public auction, by inviting quotations, tender from public or by private treaty, you may not be entitled to redeem the secured asset(s).

Date : **01.02.2024**
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
State Bank of India,
RACPC Malleshwaram , Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is given on behalf of my clients Smt. Usha Nahar & Smt.Archana Surana that, they intend to purchase the residential property bearing Municipal No. 37/6, (Old No. 46/C), Lalbhag Road, bearing PID No. 48-31-37/6, measuring East to West 58 Feet and North to South 15 Feet, in all measuring 870 Square Feet, more fully described in the schedule hereunder.

Therefore any person(s) having any claim in respect of the above referred property or part thereof by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, charge, gift, maintenance, inheritance, possession, lease, tenancy, sub-tenancy, lien, license, hypothecation, transfer of title or beneficial interest under any trust right of prescription or pre-emption under any Agreement or other disposition or under any decree, order or Award or otherwise claiming, howsoever, are hereby are requested to make the same known in writing together with supporting documents to the undersigned at his office at No.513, Srivari Apartments, Sampige Road, Malleshwaram, Opposite to Sai Baba Temple, Bengaluru-560003 within a period of 7 days of the publication thereof. Failing which the claim of such person(s) will deemed to have been waived and / or abandoned.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Municipal No. 37/6, (Old No. 46/C), Lalbhag Road, bearing PID No. 48-31-37/6, measuring East to West 58 Feet and North to South 15 Feet, in all measuring 870 Square Feet with construction and bounded on the:

EAST BY : Road, WEST BY : Property of Krishnaveni, NORTH BY : Private property, SOUTH BY : Private property.

GIRISH HEGDE, Advocate
Place: Bengaluru
Dated this 4th day of April, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform general public that my clients are intending to purchase the schedule property from its owners **Smt. Lakshmamma** and seven others.

Any, person, having any objections / claims on the schedule property or the above missing documents and/or any objections in any manner whatsoever to the sale transaction, may lodge their objections or claims, in writing with all supporting documentary evidence by registered post with regard to such lawful claim with the undersigned within **10 (Ten) days** hereof, failing which my clients will proceed to complete the registration formalities. Any claims lodged thereafter will not be entertained by my clients.

"A" SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of land measuring 15 Guntas in Sy.No:69 situated at Submangala Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District and bounded on the: **East by:** Agrahara Village Boundary, **West by:** Road and Land belonging to Ramachari, **North by:** "B" Schedule property, **South by:** Land belonging to Muninanjappa.

"B" SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of land measuring 1 Acre 35 Guntas in Sy.No:69 situated at Submangala Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District and bounded on the: **East by:** Agrahara Village Boundary, **West by:** Road and Land belonging to Ramachari, **North by:** Land belonging to Ramachari, **South by:** "A" Schedule property.

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